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COMMUNICATION SECTION

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FROM DIRECTOR FBI

CHARLES H. KEATING, JR., SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED

MAY TWO, NEXT, WITHOUT FAIL.

WHITE HOUSE HAS REQUESTED EXPEDITE INVESTIGATION OF KEATING WHO IS BEING CONSIDERED FOR PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENT, POSITION NOT STATED. BORN DECEMBER FOUR, NINETEEN TWENTY-THREE, CINCINNATI, OHIO. HE IS ENGAGED IN THE PRACTICE OF LAW IN CINCINNATI, OHIO, WHERE HE IS AFFILIATED WITH THE FIRM OF KEATING, MUETHING AND KLEKAMP. KEATING'S RESIDENCE ADDRESS IS NOT KNOWN.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION FURNISHED BY WHITE HOUSE INDICATES KEATING ATTENDED THE UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI RECEIVING J.D. DEGREE IN NINETEEN FORTYEIGHT. HE WAS ADMITTED TO PRACTICE LAW IN OHIO IN NINETEEN FORTYEIGHT.

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TELETYPE TO WASHINGTON FIELD  
RE: CHARLES H. KEATING, JR.

BEFORE THE U. S. DISTRICT COURT, SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO, NINETEEN FIFTY; U. S. DISTRICT COURT, EASTERN DISTRICT OF KENTUCKY, NINETEEN FIFTYFOUR; AND THE U. S. SUPREME COURT IN NINETEEN FIFTYEIGHT.

KEATING IS THE FOUNDER AND PRESENTLY LEGAL COUNSEL OF CITIZENS FOR DECENT LITERATURE INCORPORATED. THIS IS AN OHIO CORPORATION AND HAS LOCAL AFFILIATES THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES. HIS WIFE IS MARY ELAINE KEATING AND THEY HAVE SIX CHILDREN. HE SERVED IN THE U. S. NAVAL AIR CORPS DURING WORLD WAR TWO. OTHER BACKGROUND FURNISHED BY WHITE HOUSE BEING SUBMITTED YOUR OFFICES BY AIRTEL.

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DUE TO THE URGENT NATURE OF REQUEST, IT IS  
IMPERATIVE THAT BUDED BE MET WITHOUT FAIL. NO DELAY  
WILL BE TOLERATED.

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NOTE: Request received today from White House.

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Chicago, Illinois, were checked and disclosed

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- ☐ Current member
- ☐ Former member

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
Washington

MEMORANDUM

DATE April 23, 1969

TO : Mr. Cartha D. DeLoach, FBI  
FROM : John D. Ehrlichman  
SUBJECT : FBI Investigation

Subject's Name KEATING, CHARLES H. JR.

Date of Birth 12/4/23 Place of Birth Cincinnati, Ohio

Present Address 1811 Provident Tower, Cincinnati, Ohio

Egil Krogh

has requested:

Copy of Previous Report

☒ Name Check

☒ Full Field Investigation

Please Call us as soon as possible.

The person named above is being considered for:

White House staff position

☒ Presidential appointment

Position with another Agency

ATTACHMENTS:

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☒ Biography - ~~will be sent tomorrow.~~

REMARKS:

REPORT SHOULD BE DELIVERED BY FBI TO: JOHN D. EHRLICHMAN

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by Mr. DeLoach's office 4/24/69  
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#### Personal:

Born, Cincinnati, Ohio, December 4, 1923.

Married (Mary Elaine); six children.

Senior partner, law firm of Keating, Muething & Klekamp,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Fighter pilot, United States Naval Air Corps, World War II.)

National Collegiate Swimming Championship.

Member, All-American Swim Team.

#### Legal Background:

Admitted to Ohio Bar, 1948.

1950, U. S. District Court, Southern District of Ohio.

1954, U. S. District Court, Eastern District of Kentucky.

1958, U. S. Supreme Court.

Legal education: University of Cincinnati (J.D., 1948).

Fraternity: Phi Alpha Delta.

Member: Cincinnati, and Ohio and Kentucky State Bar  
Associations.

Rated "av" by Martindale-Hubbell.

#### Business Background:

Member of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee  
of American Financial Corporation (assets in excess of  
\$400 million).

Member of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee  
of Lindner Enterprises.

Member of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee  
of The Provident Bank (assets in excess of \$200 million).

Member of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee  
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Member of the Board of Directors of The Security Bank,  
Athens, Ohio.

Member of the Board of Directors of The New Richmond  
National Bank, New Richmond, Ohio.

Member of the Executive Committee, The Athens National  
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Founder (1956) and present Legal Counsel.

CDL is an Ohio corporation with local affiliates throughout the United States.

CDL is a non-profit, non-sectarian, non-political corporation with national headquarters in Cincinnati, Ohio, formed for and dedicated to the cause of good, decent, and wholesome literature, with a view to oppose and eliminate obscene literature by cooperating with law enforcement in the enforcement of the laws.

Outline of Legal Activities for CDL:

Assisted local prosecutors in preparation of their cases.

Called as an expert witness in obscenity trials.

Appeared as amicus curiae in prosecutions and appeals on all court levels.

Submitted amicus curiae briefs in support of the prosecution in important obscenity cases on all court levels, including the U. S. Supreme Court, among them the famous Ginzburg, Mishkin, and Fanny Hill cases.

Testified before Congressional committees and sub-committees.

Other Activities for CDL:

Travels extensively (estimated at 100,000 miles each year) throughout the United States speaking and organizing CDL units which has given him a background unmatched in seeing the problems this nation faces as a result of the obscenity so prevalent in the mass media.

Appeared on numerous local (in the cities he visits) and national television and radio programs.

Has been the subject of articles in the Reader's Digest (series of seven), The Wall Street Journal, National Observer, and other similar publications.

Awards for CDL Work:

- 1962, San Francisco Federation of High Schools Annual Youth Award (previously given to Dr. Tom Dooley, the Lennon Sisters, Walt Disney).
- 1964, American Legion Child Welfare Award.
- 1964, National Kolping Society Annual Service Award.
- 1965, Xavier University's Annual St. Francis Xavier Medal Award (previously given to Bishop Fulton J. Sheen, Stan Musial, Father Charles Dismas Clark--the "Hoodlum Priest," President John F. Kennedy (posthumously), Carlos Romulo).

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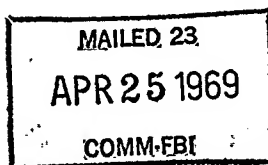
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From: Director, FBI

*by*  
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TWENTYFIVE LAST, AND BUREAU AIRTEL TO WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE  
APRIL TWENTYFIVE LAST.

A REVIEW OF CLEVELAND'S FILE WHEN APPLICANT WAS SUBJECT  
OF INVESTIGATION IN NINETEEN FIFTYSIX - FIFTYSEVEN, CAPTIONED,  
"ATOMIC ENERGY ACT, FRAUD AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT, AND ESPIONAGE  
- X," CLEVELAND HAD LEAD TO INTERVIEW [REDACTED] WHO,  
AT THAT TIME, WAS VACATIONING AT LAKESIDE, OHIO. [REDACTED]  
WAS INTERVIEWED CONCERNING APPLICANT, HOWEVER, HE INDICATED  
AT THAT TIME THAT HE RESIDED AT THREE NINE TWO TWO NORTH CLIFF  
LANE, CINCINNATI, OHIO. THIS WAS THE ONLY LEAD CLEVELAND HAD  
IN THIS INVESTIGATION AND REFERENCED BUREAU AIRTEL CONTAINS NO  
ADDITIONAL LEADS FOR CLEVELAND.

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REGARDING APPLICANT.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND SACS, BALTIMORE, CHICAGO, CLEVELAND,  
INDIANAPOLIS, LOS ANGELES, LOUISVILLE, ST. LOUIS AND WFO.

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CHANGED CHARLES HUMPHREY KEATING, JR., SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED MAY  
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TITLE MARKED CHANGED TO SHOW MIDDLE NAME HUMPHREY.

REFERENCE BUREAU TEL APRIL TWENTYFIVE, LAST, CAPTIONED  
"CHARLES H. KEATING, JR., SPIN".

FOR INFORMATION INDIANAPOLIS AND LOS ANGELES,  
WHITE HOUSE HAS REQUESTED EXPEDITE INVESTIGATION OF KEATING  
WHO IS BEING CONSIDERED FOR PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENT, POSITION  
NOT STATED, BORN DECEMBER FOUR, NINETEEN TWENTYTHREE,  
CINCINNATI, OHIO, WHERE ENGAGED IN PRACTICE OF LAW, NINETEEN  
FORTYEIGHT TO PRESENT, CURRENTLY AFFILIATED CINCINNATI FIRM  
KEATING MUETHING AND KLEKAMP. [REDACTED]

CONFIDENTIALLY ADVISED HE IS BEING CONSIDERED AS CHAIRMAN,  
PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION ON DECENCY AND PORNOGRAPHY. KEATING  
FOUNDER (NINETEEN FIFTYSIX) AND CURRENT GENERAL

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COUNSEL, CITIZENS FOR DECENT LITERATURE, INC., (CDL), OHIO CORPORATION WITH HEADQUARTERS ONE SIX EIGHT ZERO FEDERAL PLAZA BUILDING, FIVE SIX SEVEN ZERO WILSHIRE BOULEVARD, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA. FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATES IN CALIFORNIA. RAYMOND P. GAUER, PRESIDENT; JAMES CLANCY, LEGAL COUNSEL, BOTH LOCATED LOS ANGELES HEADQUARTERS, CDL. GAUER RESIDES EIGHT TWO ONE S. BRONSON AVENUE AND CLANCY NINE ZERO FIVE FIVE LA TUNA CAYON ROAD, SUN VALLEY, CALIFORNIA; [REDACTED] FT. WAYNE, INDIANA AND [REDACTED] INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA. KEATING SERVED AS NAVAL AVIATION CADET AND PILOT, U.S. NAVY, JULY, NINETEEN FORTYTHREE TO NOVEMBER, NINETEEN FORTY-FIVE, NAVY FILE NUMBER FOUR THREE EIGHT ONE FIVE ZERO. KEATING ADMITTED KENTUCKY BAR NINETEEN FIFTYSEVEN. KEATING SERVED PART TIME EMPLOYMENT AS CLERK, NINETEEN FORTY SEVEN; FULL TIME AS ATTORNEY, NINETEEN FORTY EIGHT TO NINETEEN FIFTY FIVE, CINCINNATI LAW FIRM MERLAND, O'MEARA, SANTER, AND WILLGING, WORKED FOR HERMAN SANTEN, DECEASED. [REDACTED] FORMER PARTNER, NOW LOCATED NOTRE DAME LAW SCHOOL, SOUTH BEND, INDIANA.

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KEATING WELL KNOWN TO OHIO CONGRESSMAN ROBERT A. TAFT, FIRST DISTRICT (TAFT LEAVING WDC TWO PM WEDNESDAY) AND DONALD D. CLANCY, SECOND DISTRICT, BOTH LOCATED WASHINGTON, D. C. ALL OFFICES CONDUCT INDICATED INVESTIGATION.

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TO DIRECTOR, JACKSONVILLE, AND MIAMI

FROM CINCINNATI (161-713) 2P

CHARLES HUMPHREY KEATING, JR., SPIN, BUDED MAY TWO, NEXT, WITHOUT FAIL

REFERENCE BUREAU TEL TO CINCINNATI, APRIL TWENTY FIVE, LAST.

FOR INFORMATION JACKSONVILLE, WHITEHOUSE HAS REQUESTED  
EXPEDITE INVESTIGATION OF KEATING, WHO  
IS BEING CONSIDERED FOR PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENT, POSITION  
NOT STATED. BORN DECEMBER FOUR, NINETEEN TWENTY THREE,  
CINCINNATI, OHIO. HE IS ENGAGED IN PRACTICE OF LAW, FIRM  
KEATING, MUETHING, AND KLEKAMP, CINCINNATI, OHIO. KEATING  
FOUNDER OF CITIZENS FOR DECENT LITERATURE, INC., OHIO, CORPORATION.

KEATING EMPLOYED PART-TIME AS SALESMAN FOR ONE  
YEAR, NINETEEN FORTYSIX OR FORTY SEVEN BY PRUDENTIAL  
INSURANCE COMPANY, CINCINNATI, OHIO, WHILE ATTENDING UNIVERSITY  
OF CINCINNATI LAW SCHOOL, SUPERVISOR, [REDACTED]

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TO VERIFY ABOVE EMPLOYMENT LOCATED CARE PRUDENTIAL INSURANCE COMPANY,  
SOUTH CENTRAL HOME OFFICE, JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA.

FORMER SUPERVISOR [REDACTED] RETIRED, LAST REPORTED RESIDING  
VICINITY FT. LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA.

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JACKSONVILLE VERIFY EMPLOYMENT AND ENDEAVOR



TO LOCATE [REDACTED] FOR INTERVIEW. MIAMI ATTEMPT TO LOCATE AT  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
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FROM: JACKSONVILLE (161-308) (P)

CHARLES HUMPHREY KEATING, JR. SPIN BUDED MAY TWO  
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INVESTIGATION JACKSONVILLE REFLECTS FORMER  
SUPERVISOR [REDACTED] RESIDING [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] POMPAÑO BEACH, FLORIDA.

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TO DIRECTOR & CINCINNATI

FROM ST. LOUIS (161-M) 1P

CHARLES H. KEATING, JR., AKA, SPI, BUDED: MAY TWO NEXT

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REURTEL APRIL TWENTYFIVE LAST.

APPOINTEE'S U. S. NAVY RECORDS AT SLMO DISCLOSED FOLLOWING  
FORMER EMPLOYMENT: FORTYEIGHT TO FIFTY, MERLAND, O'MEARA,  
SANTEN AND WILLGING, CINCINNATI, OHIO.

FOLLOWING RELATIVES LISTED: CHARLES H. KEATING, FATHER,  
SEVEN NINETYFIVE LUDLOW AVE., CINCINNATI, OHIO, IN FORTYFIVE;  
ADELE KIPP KEATING, MOTHER, FIVE FORTYSEVEN EVANSWOOD PL.,  
CINCINNATI, OHIO, IN FORTYTHREE; WILLIAM KIPP KEATING, BROTHER,  
SAME ADDRESS.

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REPORTING OFFICE <b>CINCINNATI</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>BUREAU</b>	DATE <b>4/30/69</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>4/28-30/69</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>CHARLES HUMPHREY KEATING, JR., Aka, Charles H. Keating, Jr.</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>SA [REDACTED]</b>	TYPED BY <b>mul</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>SPECIAL INQUIRY</b>	

## REFERENCES:

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Cleveland teletype to Bureau, 4/29/69.

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## ADMINISTRATIVE:

Cincinnati files reveal KEATING was subject of former Bureau investigation conducted during August, 1956 - May, 1957, case captioned, "CHARLES H. KEATING, JR.; ET AL (RESEARCH LABORATORIES OF COLORADO, INC., Aka.), AEA; FAG - ESPIONAGE - X", OO; CI, Bufile 117-2070, Ci File 117-104.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED						<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NONE	ACQUIT-TALS	CASE HAS BEEN:
CONVIC.	AUTO.	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES			PENDING OVER ONE YEAR <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
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APPROVED <i>[Signature]</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW	
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This investigation was conducted on initial allegation that KEATING, then acting as Treasurer of captioned firm, had visited the Lockland, Ohio, AEC Office, obtained a letter from authorities there classified "Secret" and in turn had written a letter to the Chicago AEC Office on behalf of this company which he marked "Secret" and Government was alleged to have disclosed restricted data to non-cleared personnel. Investigation determined that AEC authorities at Lockland had reviewed notes taken by KEATING during his visit and they contained no classified information.

Results of this investigation were furnished to WILLIAM F. TOMPKINS, Assistant Attorney General, Internal Security Division, U. S. Department of Justice, Washington, D. C. who, on 5/9/57, furnished the following written opinion in declining prosecution of KEATING as follows:

"In proof undertaken pursuant to the provisions of 18, USC, 1001, it would be incumbent upon the Government to show that the statement in question was material to the proceedings in which it was made. On the basis of the information furnished by representatives of the AEA, it appears extremely doubtful that materiality could be established in the circumstances of this case. Upon careful consideration of all factors in this case, it is the opinion of this Division that the facts in this case do not constitute a suitable basis for prosecution of the subject under 18, USC, 1001, and it does not appear that further investigation is warranted at this time."

In view of the declination of prosecution above, no mention of this prior investigation was made in attached report.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date:SA [REDACTED]  
4/30/69

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Title:

CHARLES HUMPHREY KEATING, JR.

Character:

SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:

Birth as CHARLES H. KEATING, 12/4/23, Cincinnati, Ohio, verified. Enrolled at University of Cincinnati (UC) as CHARLES HUMPHREY KEATING, JR., but used name CHARLES H. KEATING, JR. Attendance at UC, 9/41-5/43, 1946 and at UC Law School, 6/46-6/48, verified. Awarded LLB Degree (later Juris Doctor) maintained "B-" average in college, rank, class standing and accumulative average not available. Marriage to [REDACTED] 11/5/49, at Cincinnati, verified. KEATING admitted Ohio Bar 8/18/48, USDC, SDO, 10/4/49, and US Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit, 6/2/51, both Cincinnati, in good standing, no grievances. Member Ohio State Bar Association 1951-52 only and Cincinnati Bar Association 1954-present, in good standing. Active in practice of law, Cincinnati, Ohio, since 1948, currently senior partner, firm of Keating, Muething and Klekamp. Is General Counsel of Lindner Enterprises, Cincinnati, Ohio. Founder in 1956 of Citizens for Decent Literature, Inc. (ODL) and Ohio Corporation, currently serves as General Counsel this organization which maintains Los Angeles, California, National Office. Law partners, fellow attorneys, subordinates, judges, professional and social acquaintances, and neighbors all furnished favorable information concerning moral character, reputation, associates and loyalty of KEATING, and members of immediate family. KEATING and brother, WILLIAM KEATING (law partner and current Cincinnati City Councilman) described as self-made men whose

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father was an invalid. KEATING was intercollegiate breast stroke champion in 1946, navy fighter pilot, 1943-45, and has become nationally known as prime mover in CDL organization which fights obscenity through available laws and not as censoring body. KEATING described as extremely intelligent person of unquestioned integrity, who is sincere, energetic, dynamic, religious and devoted to his family. KEATING mentioned in Reader's Digest articles re obscenity and has submitted Amicus Curiae briefs in support of prosecution to U. S. Supreme Court in landmark obscenity cases. Credit satisfactory and arrest negative re KEATING and family.

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DETAILS:

AT CINCINNATI, OHIO

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The following investigation was  
conducted by IC [REDACTED]

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BIRTH DATA

On April 29, 1969, [REDACTED]  
Clerk, Bureau of Vital Statistics, City of Cincinnati,  
Cincinnati, Ohio, advised the appointee, CHARLES H.  
KEATING, was born on December 4, 1923, at Cincinnati,  
Ohio, to CHARLES H. KEATING, Sr., and ADELE, nee  
KIPP, KEATING. [REDACTED] stated that the  
appointee's birth was recorded under their register  
number 8330.

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The following investigation was conducted in Columbus, Ohio, by SA [REDACTED] b6 b7C

On April 29, 1969, [REDACTED] Ohio State Bar Association, 33 West 11th Avenue, furnished the following information as contained in her records:

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CHARLES H. KEATING member of the Ohio State Bar Association during the years 1951 and 1952 only. Records show at that time that he had a business address of First National Bank Building, Cincinnati, Ohio.

On April 29, 1969, [REDACTED] Grievances and Discipline of Supreme Court of Ohio, State of Ohio, advised after a review of her records that there was no record of any grievances against CHARLES H. KEATING, JR.

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On April 29, 1969, [REDACTED] Deputy Clerk, Ohio State Supreme Court, Statehouse Annex, furnished the following information as contained in her records:

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CHARLES H. KEATING, JR. took the Ohio State Bar Examination in June, 1948, and passed and was admitted to practice law in the State of Ohio on August 18, 1948. Records show that he attended the University of Cincinnati. He has been a member in good standing since the date of admission in 1948, and no charges were ever brought against him. His name is listed on the records as CHARLES HUMPHREY KEATING, JR.

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EMPLOYMENTS:

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA [ ] on April 29, 1969, at Cincinnati,  
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[ ] Manager, Prudential Insurance  
Company, Carew Tower Building, advised that [ ]  
was his predecessor as manager for instant firm. He  
stated that to the best of his knowledge, [ ]  
is retired from instant firm and is residing in Fort  
Lauderdale, Florida. He stated that he has no employment  
record concerning CHARLES H. KEATING, JR. having been  
employed at instant firm as a salesman during 1946 or  
1947 as they have no personnel records at the Cincinnati  
Office going back that far. He stated that personnel  
records going back that far might be obtained from  
instant firm's South Central Home Office located in  
Jacksonville, Florida. In conclusion, he advised that  
he is not personally acquainted with the aforementioned  
Mr. KEATING and that there is no one presently employed  
who could have possibly been acquainted with Mr. KEATING  
during the latter's employment at this firm.

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[ ] Partner, Merland, O'Meara,  
Niehaus, Monahan, and Rusche Law Firm, First National  
Bank Building, advised that CHARLES H. KEATING, JR. was  
employed by instant firm from about 1947 up through  
about 1955 or 1956. He also stated that KEATING was a  
very successful lawyer and that he has been a practicing  
attorney for about 12 years. He said that KEATING was  
a man of high repute with a lot of drive, and that he  
was also an extrovert. He said that KEATING was a great  
crusader for worthwhile causes and that he has acquired  
a national reputation. He said that KEATING is presently  
General Counsel for Lindner Enterprises and that he  
considered him to be an "eager-beaver". He stated that  
KEATING worked his way through school as his father was  
an invalid. He said that KEATING was a very capable  
fellow and a basically honest individual. He said that

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he considered KEATING to be an opportunist and that KEATING had no fear of "walking in where angels fear to tread". He stated that he could furnish no derogatory information concerning KEATING's character, reputation, morals, and loyalty to the United States Government. In conclusion he stated that he would recommend KEATING for any presidential appointment and that he personally thought KEATING would be terrific if appointed to a National Decency Committee. [redacted] advised that there was nobody presently available at instant law firm who could furnish information concerning Mr. KEATING.

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[redacted] Attorney, Santen and Santen Law Firm, First National Bank Building, advised that he has been acquainted with CHARLES H. KEATING, JR. for about 35 years. He said that KEATING worked for his father's law firm for about 7 or 8 years. He stated that his father's law firm was known as Merland, O'Meara, Santen, and Santen, and that Mr. MERLAND and Mr. SANTEN of this law firm were both deceased. He said that KEATING was a very strong competitor, had a great desire to excel, and that both KEATING and his (KEATING's) brother also worked to support their family as their father was completely incapacitated. [redacted] said that he worked for about 1½ years as a clerk for CHARLES H. KEATING, JR. in the Keating, Muething, and Klekamp Law Firm in the past. He said that he considered KEATING to be "A+" in his estimation and that he considered KEATING to be of good morals, character, loyalty and associates. In conclusion he stated that he would highly recommend KEATING for any presidential citation which he might be offered. In addition, [redacted] advised that there was no one presently available or employed by instant law firm who would have been acquainted with CHARLES H. KEATING, JR. during the latter's affiliation with his father's law firm. He stated that BILL WILLGING, a former employee of his father's law firm was deceased.

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MARRIAGE RECORD

[redacted] Deputy Clerk,  
Hamilton County Marriage License Records,  
Cincinnati, Ohio, advised that CHARLES H. KEATING, Jr.,  
son of CHARLES H. KEATING, Sr., and ADELE, nee KIPP,  
KEATING, married [redacted] daughter of  
EDWARD H. FETTE and MARIE TOLE at Cincinnati, Ohio,  
on November 5, 1949. [redacted] stated that  
this marriage was recorded under Book Number 553,  
page 494, of the Hamilton County Marriage License  
Records.

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The following investigation was conducted  
by SA [ ] at Cincinnati, Ohio:

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EDUCATION:

UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI

On April 29, 1969, [ ] Assistant to the Registrar, University of Cincinnati, advised CHARLES HUMPHREY KEATING, JR. is a former student at the University. KEATING attended from September 15, 1941 through May 18, 1943. In May, 1943, KEATING left school and entered the Naval Air Corps. He returned to the University during January, 1946 and completed Spring Semester. Records show KEATING entered the University of Cincinnati Law School during June, 1946.

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[ ] advised KEATING's record shows he was a graduate of St. Xavier High School having graduated in 1941. His record shows KEATING was born December 4, 1923, and he is the son of CHARLES HUMPHREY KEATING, 547 Evanswood Place, Cincinnati, Ohio.

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[ ] stated KEATING completed approximately 2½ years of college and maintained a "B-" average. [ ] stated a cumulative average was not computed inasmuch as he did not graduate.

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[ ] advised he has no information that anyone presently at the University would know KEATING personally.

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UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI LAW SCHOOL

On April 29, 1969, DEAN [ ] University of Cincinnati Law School, advised he knows CHARLES KEATING by reputation only. KEATING enjoys an outstanding reputation in the greater Cincinnati area.

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He stated that none of the present faculty would have known KEATING as a student.

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Assistant Dean, [ ] advised CHARLES HUMPHREY KEATING, JR. entered the University Law School on June 10, 1946, and graduated with an Bachelor of Laws (LLB), June 4, 1948. KEATING's record shows that he was awarded a Juris Doctor Degree by the University and this degree is retroactive to the date of his original degree.

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Dean [ ] stated that neither cumulative grades nor class standing are shown in the school record.

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[ ] advised that he has known CHARLES KEATING personally for the past five years. This association has been a casual acquaintance however he holds KEATING in high esteem. KEATING is highly regarded in the Cincinnati, Ohio area. WILSON stated KEATING is a gentleman of high ideals, moral character and integrity. He stated that he has no reason to question KEATING's loyalty to the United States.

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BAR MEMBERSHIPS

[REDACTED] Deputy Clerk, Clerk of  
Courts Office, U. S. District Court, Southern District  
of Ohio, advised on April 29, 1969, the Roll of Attorneys  
for above court revealed CHARLES H. KEATING, JR. admitted  
to the State of Ohio Bar in August, 1948, born in  
Cincinnati on December 4, 1923, with offices at 1314  
First National Bank Building, was admitted to practice by  
above court on October 4, 1949. He is presently in good  
standing and no grievances or complaints have been filed  
against his name.

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[REDACTED] Chief Deputy Clerk, U. S.  
Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit, Cincinnati, Ohio, advised  
on April 30, 1969, the Roll of Attorneys for this court  
revealed CHARLES H. KEATING, JR. of Cincinnati, Ohio, was  
admitted to practice before this court on June 2, 1951.  
He is presently in good standing and has no complaints or  
grievances against his name.

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[REDACTED] Executive Director, Cincinnati  
Bar Association, 125 East Ninth Street, advised on April 28,  
1969, records in her office reveal CHARLES H. KEATING, JR.,  
born December 4, 1923, at Cincinnati, who was admitted to the  
Ohio Bar in 1948, became a member of the Cincinnati Bar  
Association on October 21, 1954, and is currently a member  
in good standing. No complaints or grievances have been  
filed against his name.

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[REDACTED] stated that she has been acquainted  
with KEATING professionally since they were fellow law  
students at the University of Cincinnati Law School where  
Mr. KEATING was one term ahead of her. She stated he came  
from a very fine Cincinnati family, is a devoted family man  
and an outstanding Cincinnati attorney. She stated his  
wife is a delightful person and they have a very fine family

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relationship. She furnished favorable information concerning KEATING's moral character, reputation and associates, describing him as intelligent, capable attorney and a very loyal American. She recommended him highly for a position of trust with the Federal Government.

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Law Firm

Keating, Muething and Klekamp

[redacted] Secretary to CHARLES H. KEATING, JR., Senior Partner above firm, on April 28, 1969, furnished the following pertinent background information concerning Mr. KEATING:

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Name: CHARLES HUMPHREY KEATING, JR.  
(although father deceased, KEATING still uses Jr.)

Birth: December 4, 1923, Cincinnati, Ohio

Residence: 7676 Green Farms Drive, Cincinnati, Ohio (College Hill area) since 1963

Parents: CHARLES HUMPHREY KEATING, SR., born November 30, 1890; Cincinnati, Ohio, deceased.

ADELE KIPP KEATING, born January 1, 1899, Cincinnati, Ohio, currently residing 3637 Amberson, Cincinnati, Ohio

Brother: WILLIAM J. KEATING, born March 30, 1927, Cincinnati, Ohio, resides 2959 Alpine Terrace, Cincinnati, Ohio, current law partner of Mr. KEATING and Cincinnati Councilman. Formerly Cincinnati Municipal and Common Pleas Court Judge.

Spouse: [redacted] born [redacted]  
[redacted] Cincinnati, Ohio, housewife, married November 5, 1949, St. Mary Margaret Church, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Children: All born Cincinnati, Ohio, and reside at home:  
[redacted] born [redacted]  
attends Xavier University, Cincinnati, Ohio

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[redacted] born [redacted]  
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Education:

Graduated St. Xavier High School,  
1941.

Attended University of Cincinnati,  
1941-43, as well as 1946 (no degree)

University of Cincinnati Law School,  
fall, 1946, awarded Juris  
Doctorate Degree. 1948.

Member University of Cincinnati  
Swimming Team and National Collegiate  
Breast Stroke Champion, 1946.

Military Service:

U. S. Navy Air Corps Cadet and  
Pilot, July, 1943 to November,  
1945. Naval Officer file number  
438150.

Employments:

1946 or 1947, one year salesman  
(part-time) with Prudential  
Insurance Company, Carew Tower,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

1947-48 to 1955, clerk (part-time  
while in law school), afterward  
full-time as legal lawyer firm of

Merland, O'Mera, Santer and Willging, First National Bank Building, Cincinnati. Supervised by HERMAN SANTER, deceased. MERLAND also deceased.

January, 1955 to 1959, partner law firm of Keating, Muething and Keating, Cincinnati, Ohio.

1959 to January, 1962, partner law firm Keating and Muething, Cincinnati, Ohio

January, 1962, to present, senior partner law firm Keating, Muething and Klekamp. Offices on the 18th floor, Provident Tower Building, Fourth and Vine Streets, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Founder (1956) and currently general counsel, Citizens for Decent Literature, Inc., an Ohio corporation with headquarters at 1680 Center Plaza Building, 5670 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California.

Bar Memberships:

State of Ohio, 1948  
State of Kentucky, June 20, 1958  
U. S. District Court, Southern District of Ohio, Cincinnati, 1949  
U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Kentucky, 1954  
U.S. Supreme Court of the United States, 1958.

[redacted] stated Mr. KEATING and his firm have represented, as their principal clients, [redacted] brothers of their corporation, American Finance Corporation, a holding company, with assets in excess of 400 million dollars, headquartered in Cincinnati, and in this connection, Mr. KEATING has served as a member of

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the Board of Directors of many [ ] enterprized, including American Finance Corporation, Lindner Enterprizes, the Provident Bank (assets in excess of 200 million dollars), United Liberty Life Insurance Company, Hunter Savings Association, all in Cincinnati, as well as the Security Bank and Athens National Bank, both located Athens, Ohio, and the New Richmond National Bank at New Richmond, Ohio, adjacent to Cincinnati.

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[ ] also advised Mr. KEATING received the following awards for his work with the Citizens for Decent Literature Association:

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| 1962 | San Francisco Citation of High Schools, Annual Youth Award (previously given to Dr. TOM DOOLEY and WALT DISNEY).  |
| 1964 | American Legion Child Welfare Award   |
| 1965 | Xavier University Annual St. Francis Xavier Medal Award (previously awarded to Bishop FULTON J. SHEEN, STAN MUSIAL and the late President JOHN F. KENNEDY). |

[ ] advised in connection with Mr. KEATING's activities with the Citizens For Decent Literature organization, he had testified before several congressional committees and subcommittees concerning obscenity, he is associated in prosecution of cases throughout the country and has filed Amicus Curiae brief before the U. S. Supreme Court in support of prosecution in important obscenity cases.

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She stated he was also mentioned in a series of articles appearing in Reader's Digest concerning obscene literature which she provided. Pertinent portions as they apply to KEATING are set forth elsewhere in this report.

[ ] also advised she has worked with Mr. KEATING and has been his personal secretary for the past nine years except for a four month break in service during 1965. She stated she is also well acquainted socially with Mr. KEATING's wife and children and visits in their home. She described KEATING as an extremely intelligent, personable and industrious man who is highly respected throughout the country as an extremely capable attorney and expert on matters involving the legal ramifications of obscenity. She stated he is very generous with his time and talents and financial resources in helping young attorneys in the firm. She stated he exercises good judgment and is a man of complete personal integrity. He is active in the affairs of his church, St. Vivians Parish in northern Cincinnati, has served on the Archdiocese School Board and is currently president of the Cincinnati Pepsi Marlins, a competitive age swimming team consisting of 200 families and 300 children. She stated he and his wife have a very fine relationship and he is a dedicated family man. She stated he drinks only wine and only to moderation, does not smoke and was formerly an intercollegiate breast stroke swimming champion. She stated he associated with only "top notch" individuals, is completely loyal to this country and improving the American way of life and she would recommend him without hesitation for any position of trust with the Federal Government. ✓ //

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The following investigation was conducted at Cincinnati, Ohio, by SA [REDACTED]

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On April 30, 1969, [REDACTED] 1811 Provident Tower, partner in the law firm of Keating, Muething, and Klekamp, furnished the following comments:

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[REDACTED] first became acquainted with CHARLES H. KEATING, Jr., when the two of them were in law school at the University of Cincinnati in 1946. They graduated in the class of 1948, and each of them then entered separate law firms. In February of 1955, [REDACTED] and Mr. KEATING and Mr. KEATING's brother, WILLIAM KEATING, formed a partnership then known as Keating, Muething, and Keating. This partnership continued with this name until WILLIAM KEATING was appointed to the Municipal Bench. WILLIAM KEATING was later elected to the Municipal Bench and ultimately elected to the Common Pleas Court Bench before retiring to run for City Council, which position he currently holds.

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In 1962, the firm became a partnership of CHARLES H. KEATING, Jr., [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] [REDACTED] WILLIAM KEATING, the City Councilman, has returned to the office since leaving the Common Pleas Bench, however, he is not currently listed as a partner.

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[REDACTED] advised that since 1946, he has been very closely associated with appointee and his entire family. He considers the entire

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family to be of excellent character, reputation, morals, and is of the opinion that they have an extreme loyalty to the United States. He mentioned that there has never been any friction whatsoever in this law partnership which he has had since 1955 with the appointee and commented, "We don't have a writing between us". He stated that he has complete trust and confidence in CHARLES KEATING and considers him to be a person with untiring energy, and one who is extremely confident and capable in all fields he has undertaken. He advised that one of Mr. KEATING's greatest assets in his opinion, has to do with his loyalty and devotion to duty.

He stated that Mr. KEATING has been quite active in the Milford Retreat for Men and it is his recollection that possibly KEATING's interest in combating obscenity and immoral literature may have originated through a contact with a priest who was active several years ago in the Milford Retreat. He advised that Mr. KEATING has endeavored, through available laws, to combat these obscenities which have become even more prevalent now than they were when KEATING first began this crusade.

advised that the fact that he has been able to remain in a partnership which is completely amiable with KEATING speaks more strongly than any words he could suggest to compliment Mr. KEATING in all respects, and he definitely has the highest respect and the highest degree of confidence in KEATING and would be most pleased to see him appointed by the President of the United States to a position in the Federal Government.

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On April 29, 1969, [ ]  
[ ] a partner in appointee's law firm, advised that he has been associated with CHARLES H. KEATING, Jr., for over ten years and has been personally acquainted with him for at least 13 years. KEATING's mother is a friend of KLEKAMP's mother-in-law. Mr. KLEKAMP also confirmed the dates of the partnership as previously mentioned by [ ]

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[ ] stated that Mr. KEATING spends a considerable part of his time and his money, in the opinion of [ ] in connection with the Citizens for Decent Literature, Incorporated. He states that he feels that [ ] has a feeling of responsibility to the public which inspires him to be as active as he has in this field. He also knows appointee to be a man who is close to his family, one who is active in youth affairs, and a prominent sponsor of "The Marlins", a local swim group. KEATING has also been quite active in Men of Milford, a Catholic men's retreat group. [ ] advised that he has never heard anything derogatory regarding appointee or any member of his family. He stated that to his knowledge, there has never been any dissension within the legal firm which he and appointee are both a part of.

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He advised that Mr. KEATING is a person who is untiring, he "gets the job done well" in every undertaking he has approached, and in [ ] opinion, he has an outstanding character, reputation, morals, and loyalty to the United States.

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[redacted] associate in appointee's law firm, advised on April 29, 1969, that he has known CHARLES H. KEATING, Jr., for the past nine years and has been an associate in this office for the past eight years. He advised that from a close familiarity, from business trips, from social affairs, and from seeing Mr. KEATING in situations which present stresses, strains, and pressures, he can make nothing other than a strictly positive comment as pertains to his character, reputation, and morals.

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He knows Mr. KEATING to be a fine family man who is highly regarded by his community and by his peers of the law as an outstanding individual.

[redacted] stated that Mr. KEATING has been selected by Xavier University for the Xavier Medal, which is only given to one man each year. The qualities required by Xavier University before presenting this medal cover all phases of community life, religious life, general demeanor, intelligence, attitude, and other such sterling qualities. He stated that the awarding of this medal clearly voices the opinion of Xavier University regarding the appointee.

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He described Mr. KEATING as very aggressive, "a doer", and a person of outstanding ability. He advised that he, himself, has complete trust in Mr. KEATING and would be willing to trust his own children to KEATING's supervision. He stated that he would offer his highest recommendation for a Presidential appointment for Mr. KEATING to a position in the Federal Government.

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[redacted] associate in the law firm of appointee, advised on April 29, 1969, that he has been associated with this firm since 1962. He stated that he met Mr. KEATING when he was in law school seeking a firm to become associated with upon his graduation. He advised that he has subsequently met Mr. KEATING's entire family and feels that the entire family are all people of excellent character, reputation, and morals. He advised that he was even acquainted with Mr. KEATING's father prior to his death. All of the members of this family he has found to be pleasant, outgoing, and honorable people. He stated that Mr. KEATING's father apparently was ill for many years with Parkinson's disease, and as a result of this illness, Mr. KEATING himself apparently "grew up the hard way".

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[redacted] advised that as an attorney, Mr. KEATING feels that he should use the available laws to the best of his ability to combat obscenity in all phases.

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[redacted] also mentioned that Mr. KEATING has sponsored "The Marlins" Swim Club and that he, himself, a graduate of the University of Cincinnati Law School, was an outstanding swimmer when in college and has a great deal of interest generally in athletics. He has also been quite active in religious sponsored youth improvement groups and as a person, has a "fountain of energy".

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[redacted] stated that he knew of nothing derogatory concerning Mr. KEATING, there has never been any unpleasantness in this law firm to his knowledge, and he feels that Mr. KEATING

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is largely responsible for the amiable attitude of the members of the firm. He stated that from conversation with other members of his own graduating law class who have gone into different firms, he feels confident that he could not have selected a better firm. He advised that Mr. KEATING sets an excellent example, as he is most competent and capable himself, and is quite able to delegate responsibility to associates and partners within the firm. He advised that Mr. KEATING in effect runs this law firm. He concluded that everything Mr. KEATING does is done well, and whatever the job may be that Mr. KEATING is under consideration for, if appointed, that job will be handled extremely well.

[redacted] associate in appointee's law firm, on April 29, 1969, advised that he met CHARLES H. KEATING, Jr., in April of 1961. He advised that he, himself, graduated from Notre Dame and then served in the Armed Forces before seeking a law firm with which to practice. He advised that in April of 1961, he became an associate of this firm, where Mr. KEATING is the senior partner. He mentioned that both CHARLES and WILLIAM KEATING were champion swimmers when they were in college. He further mentioned that Mr. KEATING had graduated from St. Xavier High School and the University of Cincinnati Law School, and during World War II had served in the Naval Air Corps.

He stated that Mr. KEATING, in his opinion, was a person who is brilliant, has a dynamic personality, and is gifted with the knowledge as to what motivates other people. He

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described him as a born leader, a healthy competitor, a person who lives right himself and enjoys others who conduct themselves in the same manner. He stated that he has never heard anything derogatory concerning Mr. KEATING and he personally would highly endorse him for any position which the President may see fit to appoint Mr. KEATING to.

[redacted] Lindner Enterprises, who maintains offices at 3955 Montgomery Avenue, and the Provident Bank Building, advised on April 29, 1969, that he has been acquainted with CHARLES H. KEATING, Jr., for approximately the past 13 years. His relationship with KEATING is twofold -- as an attorney and as a personal friend. He advised that he is acquainted with the entire KEATING family and considers all of them to be of outstanding character, reputation, morals, and completely loyal to the United States. He advised he knows of nothing whatsoever derogatory concerning any member of the KEATING family. ✓

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He described appointee as a man, who in his opinion, is extremely capable, possesses tireless energy, and a person who he would be proud to see representing his Government. He requested that the records show that he wholeheartedly endorses Mr. KEATING for a Presidential appointment.

[redacted] advised that his brother, [redacted] was out of town at the time of this interview, however, stated that he felt positive that his brother's comments concerning CHARLES H. KEATING, Jr., would be substantially the same as those expressed by himself, as set forth above.

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CITIZENS FOR DECENT LITERATURE, INCORPORATED

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The following investigation was conducted  
by SA [ ] at Cincinnati, Ohio:

[ ] Director of Offices for  
Administrative Services, U. S. Post Office, Cincinnati,  
residing at 1811 Minion Road, Cincinnati, Ohio, advised  
on April 29, 1969, that he had known KEATING since  
1959 when they first began to work together for  
Citizens For Decent Literature. [ ] stated that  
KEATING was the founder and chairman of Citizens For  
Decent Literature.

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He described KEATING as a man of high morals,  
keen intellect, and as a man of great integrity.

[ ] also stated that Mr. KEATING is a man  
who is deeply loyal to the United States and a man of  
deep religious convictions. Mr. KEATING's associates  
are all very fine people as far as [ ] knew,  
and Mr. KEATING's family was an extremely happy and  
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[ ] recommended Mr. KEATING without  
reservations of any kind for a position of responsibility  
with the Federal Government as he believed Mr. KEATING  
to be a very fine man.

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[ ] former Executive Secretary for  
Citizens for Decent Literature, Cincinnati, Ohio,  
residing 8438 Miami Road, Cincinnati, Ohio, advised  
on April 29, 1969, that she had known Mr. KEATING  
since 1955. [ ] advised that she worked  
closely with Mr. KEATING for ten years while secretary  
for Citizens For Decent Literature. She resigned as  
secretary in 1965.

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Mr. KEATING was described by [ ]  
as a loyal, competent, and extremely intelligent man.  
She stated that Mr. KEATING attended church every morning  
before work, and that his moral life was above reproach.

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He has a wonderful family according to [REDACTED]  
She said that she felt Mr. KEATING to be "One of the  
Nation's most outstanding men." [REDACTED] recommended  
Mr. KEATING without reservation for a position of  
responsibility with the Federal Government.

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The following investigation was conducted by  
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CITIZENS FOR DECENT LITERATURE, INC.

[REDACTED] Medical Representative,  
Lederle Laboratories Division, American Cyanamid Company,  
10340 Evendale Drive, Cincinnati, Ohio, advised on  
April 29, 1969, he has known CHARLES H. KEATING, JR. well  
both socially and as a professional associate working together  
on matters supported by the Citizens Committee for Decent  
Literature, Inc., for the past 13 to 15 years. He stated  
he has been tremendously impressed with KEATING's drive and  
leadership in connection with the above group and has  
always found KEATING to be a person of high intelligence,  
unquestioned integrity and excellent moral character,  
reputation and associates. He stated he considers KEATING  
to be an outstanding citizen, attorney, husband and father,  
knows nothing unfavorable concerning him and considers him  
to be one of the few experts in the country on the subject  
of obscenity and pornography. He knew nothing of an  
unfavorable nature concerning KEATING and would recommend  
him for a position of responsibility with the Federal  
Government, feeling that the Government would be extremely  
fortunate to obtain KEATING. ✓

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on April 29, 1969:

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Cincinnati, Ohio, advised he has been closely associated with CHARLES H. KEATING, JR., both socially and through business contacts. He considers KEATING to be an all round four star performer. He describes him as an outstanding Catholic layman, and he is an educator in the field of constitutional and moral law. KEATING is nationally recognized as being highly skilled in this regard and briefs prepared by him have been accepted by the Supreme Court of the United States. He is also highly competent in legal matters.

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KEATING is the national founder of an organization titled Citizens for Decent Literature and has for approximately ten years been this organization's guiding force and the individual primarily responsible for the financing of this organization.

[redacted] describes KEATING as a highly competitive individual and gives as examples the fact that KEATING is a skilled pilot who flies his own plane and the fact that KEATING was a swimming star at the University of Cincinnati and tried out for the Olympic Swimming Team.

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[redacted] states that KEATING has outstanding leadership ability and high moral character. He believes his loyalty to the United States would be beyond reproach.

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PROFESSIONAL ACQUAINTANCES

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SA [ ] at Cincinnati, Ohio:

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[ ] President Elect,  
Cincinnati Bar Association, advised on April 29,  
1969, that he had had very little contact with  
CHARLES KEATING. He considered KEATING a very capable  
attorney, but felt that he did not have enough personal  
contact to express an opinion as to his suitability  
for a Government position. He described KEATING's  
professional reputation as very good. [ ] has no  
reason to question his loyalty to the United States  
Government.

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[ ] President, Cincinnati Bar  
Association, was contacted on April 29, 1969, and  
advised that he only knew KEATING on a very limited  
scale. He felt that KEATING has an excellent reputation.  
[ ] believes that KEATING made a professional error  
when he criticized the United States Supreme Court for  
its decisions on pornography, but this was a subject  
on which KEATING had very strong feelings which were the  
overriding considerations. [ ] felt that he could not  
comment further on the appointee because of his limited  
personal knowledge.

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[ ] Carew Tower, advised  
on April 29, 1969, that he has known KEATING for over  
20 years. He described the appointee as an outstanding person  
and a great American. He is extremely capable in his  
legal practice and in all other activities in which he  
engages. KEATING has an excellent professional and  
personal reputation. [ ] commented that there are  
a number of people in Cincinnati who could be considered  
antagonistic toward KEATING, but that is based on  
professional jealousy born by his aggressiveness in  
business transactions. The appointee has a fine family  
life. He is the founder, and one of the prime moving  
forces behind, the Citizens for Decent Literature,  
Incorporated. He is also a director on the Board of  
the American Financial Company. His aggressiveness has  
brought about the phenomenal growth of the Provident Bank,  
Cincinnati. He described the appointee as honest,

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trustworthy, aggressive, and extremely dedicated to the cause for decency. The appointee is and has always been loyal to the United States Government. [ ] recommends KEATING for a position of trust with the United States Government. [ ] was formerly Chairman of the House Committee on Internal Security and Chairman of Hamilton County Republican Committee.

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[ ] advised on April 29, 1969, that she has known the appointee since he was a small child because of her close friendship with his mother. KEATING has always had a very fine reputation and has maintained very high professional standards. She has always found him to be trustworthy, honest, of the highest integrity and character, and a dedicated family man. He has always been a hard worker and a man who fully applies himself to every task he approaches. He is active in the Citizens for Decent Literature. JUNG said that KEATING's loyalty to the United States Government is above question. She recommends KEATING for a position of trust with the United States Government.

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[ ] advised on April 30, 1969, that he had known the appointee since high school. [ ] holds KEATING in the highest respect and feels that he is one of the outstanding men he knows. He described him as extremely aggressive, trustworthy, honest, and dedicated to a cause or project once he begins. He has been very active in the Citizens for Decent Literature. He has continuously operated within the confines of professional ethics. He approaches everything with a great deal of enthusiasm and competitive spirit.

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[ ] believes that KEATING's loyalty to the United States Government is above reproach. KEATING is highly successful in his business activities and is one of the most dynamic figures that [ ] has been acquainted with. [ ] recommends KEATING for a position of trust with the United States Government.

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SA [ ] at Cincinnati, Ohio:

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[ ] Director of Security,  
The Kroger Company, 1014 Vine Street, advised on April 29,  
1969, that he has been well acquainted professionally as  
well as socially with CHARLES H. KEATING, JR. for about  
12 years. He stated during the bulk of this period as  
Chief of Police for the City of Cincinnati, he, [ ]  
worked rather closely with KEATING because of KEATING's  
tremendous knowledge and talents in the field of obscenity  
and pornography. He stated KEATING came from a very fine  
family background although KEATING and his brother, BILL  
KEATING, now a Cincinnati City Councilman, both worked  
hard and whatever financial status they have acquired  
they obtained through their own efforts personally. He  
stated KEATING has a very fine relationship with his wife  
who is an outstanding mother and he is extremely close  
to his family. He stated all of the KEATINGs are interested  
in swimming. CHARLES KEATING was a former intercollegiate  
breast stroke champion and is currently president of the  
Pepsi Marlins swimming club, a competitive age group swim  
club in the Cincinnati area.

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[ ] stated KEATING has an outstanding  
reputation as an attorney, not only in Cincinnati but  
throughout the United States because of the courage and  
restraint he has exercised in his personal campaign to  
improve the moral fiber of this country by establishing a  
higher degree of law enforcement and better statutes for  
the control of the distribution of obscene literature. He  
stated KEATING has submitted several Amicus Curiae briefs  
in support of prosecution of important obscenity cases  
being decided by the Supreme Court in recent years. Mr,  
[ ] pointed out he felt KEATING was not unreasonable  
in his opposition and had, on occasions, observed KEATING  
wherein borderline cases he defended distribution of material  
which some crusaders would call obscene but it did have  
literary class. [ ] described KEATING as a man of

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outstanding moral character, personal habits and associates, whose loyalty to this country is unquestionable in his mind. He recommended KEATING without reservation for any responsible position in the Federal Government for which he is qualified and felt the Government would be indeed fortunate to secure KEATING's services.

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JUDGES

The following investigation was conducted by  
Special Agent [redacted] on April 29, 1969, at  
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Judge JOHN W. PECK, U. S. Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit, advised that he has known CHARLES H. KEATING, JR., for a period of some 20 years, but in reality, was much better acquainted with KEATING's younger brother, BILL, who has held various positions in the City Government and had been a former Common Pleas judge in Hamilton County. ✓

Judge PECK remarked that he has had no social contact with CHARLES KEATING, JR., but has had quite extensive professional contact with him and always found him to be a person of excellent intelligence, whose reputation was spotless insofar as he knew.

He continued by stating he is also fairly acquainted with the law firm which includes the appointee and that this firm possesses a very good reputation among the other attorneys in the city of Cincinnati. He stated that he had no reason to question the judgment of the appointee since he felt that he was mature, conscientious, intelligent and who had only associated with people of excellent reputations.

Judge PECK pointed out that he considered the appointee to be a loyal American and who certainly could be trusted in a position of responsibility in the Federal Government. He concluded by stating that based on his own knowledge, as well as information from other sources, he would highly recommend CHARLES KEATING, JR., for a position of confidence with the Federal Government.

U. S. District Judge TIMOTHY S. HOGAN, SDO, advised that his knowledge of the appointee comprised a period of 10 years, most of which has been from information from other members of the legal profession as opposed to direct contact with the appointee. He described the appointee as being a most successful and astute business man and although he realized his next comment was of a ✓

negative nature, nevertheless, he had never heard anything unfavorable concerning appointee with respect to his personal life or professional ethics.

He stated that he was aware that the appointee and his younger brother, BILL, were fairly active on the political scene in Cincinnati and that the appointee was a member of a very profitable law firm in the city. He stated that he would highly recommend the appointee for a position of trust and responsibility with the Federal Government, explaining further that within recent years, he had personally endorsed a young attorney for employment with the appointee's law firm and that this individual is currently affiliated with the law firm with which the appointee is a member.

Judge HOGAN stated he possessed no personal knowledge regarding appointee's habits, but again felt that from a negative standpoint, the appointee is of good reputation, intelligent, conscientious and loyal to the United States.

Judge RAYMOND E. SHANNON, Ohio Court of Appeals, First District, 1115 Paxton Avenue, advised that he has had fairly extensive contact with the KEATING family for a period in excess of 20 years, adding that the appointee's father, who is now deceased, had been a reputable business man in the dairy business in Cincinnati. ✓

He explained that he and the appointee's younger brother, BILL, are members of the same fraternity and although not immediate neighbors, he and the appointee's brother do get together on occasion. He explained that he, himself, had formerly been in the Hamilton County Prosecutor's Office and that at that time, appointee had caused some friction among his personnel in view of his active part in the Citizens For Decent Literature Committee. He explained this remark by stating that the appointee was a very aggressive, intelligent, conscientious man, who, in his opinion, projected two images.

He stated the first image was that of a very mature and conscientious individual who was most opposed to any form of pornography and who was very vocal and

articulate in his role on behalf of the Citizens For Decent Literature. He stated that along this line, the CDL had filed amicus curiae (friend of the court) briefs in behalf of CDL in connection with cases involving smut literature and/or films. He added that the appointee was an expert in this particular field and had gained national recognition for his standing against pornography.

He explained that since the appointee was an articulate speaker, he could generate the general populace to become agitated against anyone arrested in connection with a pornographic matter, but that he felt since the appointee was a respectable attorney, he, the appointee, should and undoubtedly did realize the limitations that the Prosecutor's Office had to cope with in connection with this type of case.

He stated this is what he meant when he initially remarked that appointee projects two images, namely, that of active vocal opponent in connection with anything pornographic, but yet an attorney who would undoubtedly be familiar with any problems of law enforcement officials in combating pornographic matters.

[ ] stated he considered appointee to be honest, most reputable in his professional dealings, and an expert in the decent literature field. He stated that he was aware that the appointee had testified both in state courts in Ohio, as well as other states on behalf of the prosecution in pornographic cases and in his considered opinion, the appointee could be trusted in a responsible position with the Federal Government.

[ ] concluded by stating that he believed the appointee to be independently wealthy as a result of his partnership in a profitable law firm, adding that he heard he was worth some four million dollars and he believed this figure to be substantially correct.

He concluded by stating that the appointee's partner was a very respected and conscientious attorney, who, although not as forceful and aggressive as appointee, was in large measure responsible for the success of the law firm, since he was a very thorough, quiet individual

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who had an excellent reputation in legal circles in the Cincinnati area.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] at Cincinnati, Ohio, on April 29, 1969:

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JOHN W. KEEFE, Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Hamilton County, Ohio, was interviewed. Judge KEEFE had previously served four terms as Municipal Court judge and one term in the Court of Appeals. Regarding his knowledge and association with CHARLES H. KEATING, JR., Judge KEEFE advised as follows: ✓

He has known the appointee for approximately 15 years and described him as highly intelligent and very high morals. He opined that KEATING would be especially well qualified for a presidential appointment. He opined that KEATING's loyalty was unquestionable. He termed him a confident lawyer and felt that there would be no conflict of interest in any such position, to his knowledge. He reiterated that KEATING was singularly well qualified and would so recommend him.

Judge KEEFE had no information regarding the appointee or his family, or background, of a derogatory nature.

Interview was had with Judge OTIS R. HESS, who has served on the bench since January 1, 1930, and is currently in the Court of Appeals, First Appellate District of Ohio.

Concerning his knowledge and association with CHARLES H. KEATING, JR., Judge HESS advised as follows:

He has known Mr. KEATING for approximately 20 years, dating back to his, KEATING's, college days when he was an Olympic swimmer. Judge HESS is also a close associate of the appointee's brother, WILLIAM J. KEATING.

Judge HESS has followed the career of the appointee after his graduation from the University of

Cincinnati Law School and through his successful legal practice. He described KEATING's morals as beyond reproach and his legal abilities as extra ordinary. He felt also that the appointee had a great ability to organize and lead in matters socially and civically.

Judge HESS was cognizant that in recent years, Mr. KEATING has engaged in the fight against indecent literature through the Citizens For Decent Literature, Incorporated. He opined that the appointee presently occupies a high position in the aforementioned organization on a national level. ✓

Judge HESS felt that Mr. KEATING's loyalty was beyond reproach. He knew of no conflict of interest. He further opined that the appointee would put a large amount of his own funds into the organization to fight pornographic and indecent literature.

He described Mr. KEATING as a hard working extraordinary hard driving individual and when he undertakes a position wholeheartedly, functions in that regard. He felt that his legal ability speaks for itself in that he represented one of the largest financial institutions in this area, namely, the Lindner organization.

Judge HESS further opined that the community and university ties, as well as religious activities of Mr. KEATING, all lead to a man of exceptional capabilities. He knows of no derogatory information relating to appointee or his family.

Interview was had with Judge FRANK M. GUSWEILER, Court of Common Pleas, Hamilton County, Cincinnati, Ohio, where he has been a judge since 1958.

Judge GUSWEILER has known CHARLES H. KEATING, JR., since 1956. He opined that he was possibly better acquainted with the appointee's brother, WILLIAM J. KEATING, in that WILLIAM had replaced Judge GUSWEILER as a judge in Municipal Court in 1958. Judge GUSWEILER knows the appointee's wife and family. He described Mr. KEATING as a good lawyer and his character and background is "of the finest". In the appointee's current ✓

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position heading a law firm, he felt his intelligence was of the highest.

Judge GUSWEILER reflected on only one disagreement, if you could call it that, that he had with CHARLES KEATING, JR., dating back to 1950. At that time, the appointee was in charge of the Citizens For Decent Literature, Incorporated and in this capacity, was attempting to promote public appeal concerning violations of the obscenity laws. At that time, a couple of local theaters were showing adult questionable films and the CDL, along with other related groups, including a labor union and church groups, were "needling the prosecutor" into bringing charges regarding said theaters.

Judge GUSWEILER was the presiding judge of the Municipal Court at that time and one of the theater men was arrested on an obscenity charge. The CDL, along with other groups, appealed to public opinion in a large "write-in campaign" which, in essence, Judge GUSWEILER felt was attempting to sway the presiding Judge DENNING at the time.

The presiding judge therefore requested in view of the volume of mail received, that the case be reassigned which was done and Judge GUSWEILER presided in the matter. Judge GUSWEILER opined that he did not feel at that time that it was proper to try to influence a presiding judge and the court in advance. In other words, evidence should speak for itself.

The only conflict, if you could call it that, at that time, was in Judge GUSWEILER's opinion, that of the volume of mail being deluged on the court. Judge GUSWEILER took the attitude that the public should not direct letters to the court, but should speak out in public opinion polls and direct correspondence to Congress, thereby activating legislation in that regard.

Judge GUSWEILER termed the appointee's legal abilities as excellent and opined that Mr. KEATING was never unprepared and always well briefed when he presented a case in Judge GUSWEILER's court and he faced

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the issues legally and forcefully. His character, reputation and intelligence are above reproach.

He opined that there was no conflict of interest other than the fact of close family ties, in that the appointee was his brother's, WILLIAM's, close advisor and supporter and would certainly desire to further WILLIAM KEATING's political career.

He opined that WILLIAM KEATING would like to advance to Congress and, in fact, it was his brother's suggestion that along those lines, he could probably further his career better from Cincinnati City Council than he could from the court.

Judge GUSWEILER had no derogatory information relating to Mr. KEATING and felt that he had impeccable morals. He noted that KEATING had a number of children, was prominent in sports and interested in youth and athletics.



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NEIGHBORHOOD

The following investigation was conducted by  
Special Agent [REDACTED]

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On April 29, 1969, [REDACTED]  
7610 Green Farms Drive, advised she has known the appointee  
and his family for seven years. She stated the entire  
family, including the appointee, have a very good reputation  
in the community. She considers that they all have ex-  
cellent characters and associates, and that their loyalty  
to the United States Government is unquestioned. She  
advised the appointee has always been a very capable in-  
dividual, and she would recommend him for a position of  
trust in the United States Government. ✓

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advised she has known the appointee for nine years.  
She stated her husband has known the appointee since  
they were in high school together. She advised the  
appointee and his family have an excellent reputation in  
the community, and all are of the highest moral character.  
She stated the appointee has always been very civic minded,  
and she has no reason to doubt his loyalty to the United  
States Government. She stated she is acquainted with  
many of his associates and they are all of excellent  
reputations. She stated the appointee is a very capable  
man, and she would recommend him for a position of trust  
in the United States Government. ✓

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advised she has known the appointee since his high school  
days. She has known him and his family as neighbors for  
six years. She considers them to be very good neighbors  
with excellent reputations. She said the appointee's  
character and associates are very good, and she has no  
reason to doubt his loyalty to the United States Government.  
She said he has always impressed her as being a very  
capable man, and she would recommend him for a position  
of trust in the United States Government. ✓

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SOCIAL ACQUAINTANCES

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] b6 b7C

On April 29, 1969, Reverend Father [redacted] [redacted] Pastor, St. Vivian's Church, 7600 Winton Road, advised he has known the appointee as a member of his parish for the past six years. He stated he is a close personal friend of the appointee and his family, and knows them all to be of excellent character. His known associates are all fine people, and the appointee and his family have an excellent reputation in the community. He has no reason to doubt the appointee's loyalty to the United States Government. He stated he considers him to be a very good man, very capable, and would recommend him without qualification for a position of trust in the United States Government. ✓

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On April 29, 1969, [redacted] DDS, 3815 Harrison Avenue, advised he has known the appointee for five years, both as a social and business acquaintance. He stated that he and the appointee are both members of the Marlins Swim Club, and the appointee has been an officer of this club in the past. He stated the appointee's character is excellent and his associates are all of the highest quality. His loyalty to the United States Government is unchallenged. He advised he is acquainted with the appointee's entire family, and all are of the highest moral character. He stated the appointee has always been very active in the Citizens For Decent Literature, Incorporated, was one of the organizers of this group, and is presently a member of the Board of Directors of the group. He stated the appointee has always been extremely active in the Citizens For Decent Literature, Incorporated, and has always demonstrated himself to be a very capable individual. [redacted] recommended the appointee for a position of highest trust in the United States Government. ✓

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On April 29, 1969, [redacted] [redacted] advised that he has known the appointee since 1962. He stated that he is a social acquaintance of the appointee, and both he and the appointee are members of the Marlins Swim Club. He stated he has known the appointee's family and all are of very good reputation in the community. [redacted] advised that all of the appointee's known associates are of good reputation and ✓

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He considers the appointee's character to be spotless. He has no reason to doubt the appointee's loyalty to the United States Government. The appointee has been very active in the Citizens For Decent Literature, Incorporated, a group which appointee helped to found. This group has done much to oppose and eliminate obscene literature in the community. [redacted] advised he has observed the appointee on many occasions and has always been impressed by his very fine capability. He would recommend the appointee for a position of high trust in the United States Government.

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On April 30, 1969, Reverend [redacted] DD, Pastor, Roselawn Community Baptist Church, 7181 Reading Road, advised he has known the appointee only since August, 1968, however, he has been closely associated with the appointee in church matters. He advised he has been highly impressed by the appointee's capabilities, and his high integrity. He stated he has met the appointee's family, and find they are extremely fine individuals. He understands the appointee has an excellent reputation in the community as a civic leader, who is extremely active in the Citizens For Decent Literature, Incorporated. The appointee has been extremely effective in his activities for decent literature and for elimination of obscene material. He advised that to the best of his knowledge, the appointee's associates are of outstanding character, and the appointee has given him no reason to doubt his loyalty to the United States Government. He recommended the appointee for a position of trust in the United States Government. ✓

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The following investigation was conducted by IC [ ] at Cincinnati, Ohio, on April 29, 1969:

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[ ] Clerk, Credit Bureau of Cincinnati, Incorporated, Cincinnati, Ohio, advised that the appointee, CHARLES H. KEATING, Jr., and his wife, [ ], were first known to the credit bureau files on October 10, 1947. [ ] stated that the appointee and his wife have resided at 7676 Green Farms Drive, Cincinnati, since approximately August of 1962, and that they maintained previous residences at 9162 Long Lane, 1320 Wittenkind, 1822 North Bend Road, and 795 Ludlow Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio. [ ] stated that the appointee was shown to be self-employed as an attorney at the present time and that he had previously been employed as Legal Counsel and Director for the American Financial Corporation. [ ] stated that her files contained no derogatory information relative to the appointee, and he and his wife were considered to have a satisfactory credit rating.

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[ ] advised that the appointee's father, CHARLES H. KEATING, Sr., and ADEL K. KEATING, were first known to the credit bureau files in September, 1924. [ ] stated the appointee's parents were last shown to be owners of the property at 3637 Amberson Avenue, Cincinnati, and that they had previously resided at 795 Ludlow Avenue, Cincinnati. [ ] stated that the credit bureau files revealed that the appointee's father was last known to be retired and that he had been retired since approximately 1934, due to ill health. [ ] stated that her file

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regarding the appointee's parents contained no derogatory information and that they were considered to have a satisfactory credit rating.

[ ] advised that the appointee's brother, WILLIAM J. KEATING, born 1927, and his wife, [ ] were first known to the credit bureau files on December 11, 1950. WILLIAM J. and [ ] KEATING were last known to reside at 2957 Alpine Terrace, Cincinnati, in December, 1967, and they maintained previous residences at 3453 Arnold, and 3573 St. Charles Place, Cincinnati. [ ] stated that WILLIAM J. KEATING was last shown to be an attorney with Keating, Muething, and Klekamp in October, 1968, and that he previously had been shown as a judge in the Municipal Court, Cincinnati, Ohio, and a self-employed attorney. [ ] stated that her file contained no derogatory information relative to WILLIAM J. and [ ] KEATING and they are considered to have a satisfactory credit rating.

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[ ] Clerk, Records Section, Cincinnati Police Department; [ ] Clerk, Master Name Index File, Cincinnati Police Department; and [ ] Records Supervisor, Hamilton County Sheriff's Office, Cincinnati, Ohio, each advised their respective records contained no information identifiable with the appointee or members of the appointee's immediate family.

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SA [ ] at Athens, Ohio:

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CREDIT AND ARREST

On April 29, 1969, [ ] Manager,  
Credit Bureau of Athens, Athens, Ohio, advised her files  
contain no reference to CHARLES H. KEATING, JR.

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On April 29, 1969, Captain [ ]  
Athens Police Department, Athens, Ohio, advised his files  
contain no record of arrest for CHARLES H. KEATING, JR.

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SA [ ] at Athens, Ohio:

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On April 29, 1969, Mr. R. C. COOK, President, The Security Bank, 6 North Court Street, Athens, Ohio, advised CHARLES H. KEATING, JR. is a member of the Board of Directors of that bank and has been since 1963. He holds no other position with that institution. Mr. COOK advised that Mr. KEATING is a fine individual and one who he could recommend for any position. He stated Mr. KEATING is a loyal American. ✓

Mr. B. TAD GROVER, JR., President, The Athens National Bank, Athens, Ohio, advised on April 29, 1969, KEATING is a member of the law firm which represents his bank but is not a member of the Board of Directors and does not hold any official position with the Athens National Bank. Mr. GROVER advised, however, he is personally acquainted with KEATING and knows of no one he could recommend more highly for any position whatever. ✓

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NEWSPAPER LIBRARY FILES

[redacted] Librarian, Cincinnati Enquirer, a daily newspaper of general circulation in the Cincinnati, Ohio, area, furnished his file on CHARLES H. KEATING, JR. and the Citizens for Decent Literature, Inc. which contained the following pertinent information:

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The Cincinnati Enquirer, 617 Vine Street, in article of April 3, 1946, reported that CHARLES H. KEATING, a member of the University of Cincinnati Swimming Team, had won the National Intercollegiate Breast Stroke Championship the previous weekend at the Yale University pool, New Haven, Connecticut, where he beat Ohio State's previously unbeaten [redacted] in the 200 yard final with a yard to spare.

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The June 3, 1958, issue of the Cincinnati Enquirer contained an article captioned, "Stiffen Penalties on Smut Purveyors", which reported under a Washington by-line on January 30, 1958, that CHARLES KEATING, JR., a young Cincinnati attorney, told a "House judiciary sub-committee today that severe penalties are needed 'to quell' the indecent literature business". KEATING was accompanied by his daughters, [redacted] age 7, and [redacted] age 6, as he was also sworn in to practice before the U. S. Supreme Court.

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The February 28, 1960, issue of the Cincinnati Enquirer contained an article "Decent Literature Unit Dons National Cloak" which reported that the Citizens for Decent Literature (CDL), a movement founded in Cincinnati about five years ago by Cincinnati attorney CHARLES H. KEATING, JR. to "fight obscene literature, went national officially yesterday with the unanimous acceptance here by interested parties from across the nation of a national organization plan". Approximately 400 persons attended meetings and



workshops at the Hotel Netherland Hilton and Mr. KEATING was named the Chief Legal Counsel of the group.

Aims of the National CDL were listed as follows:

"To create public awareness of the nature and scope of obscene or pornographic literature."

"To encourage the reading of decent literature."

"To expect the enforcement of the laws pertaining to obscene or pornographic literature."

"To serve as a medium for the accumulation and dissemination of information pertinent to the problem."

The November 30, 1965, issue of the Cincinnati Enquirer contained an article captioned, "Attorney to Get XU Medal" which reported that CHARLES H. KEATING, JR. founder and national co-chairman of Citizens for Decent Literature, had been awarded the St. Francis Xavier Medal of XU, which is given annually to men who "demonstrate in today's world the qualities of health of mind that distinguished St. Francis Xavier". KEATING, as founder of CDL, was instrumental in that organization gaining "world-wide recognition for its approach to the control of obscene and pornographic books and pictures."

The June 4, 1966, issue of the Cincinnati Enquirer contained an article captioned, "Loyola Award Given Keating", which reported that CHARLES H. KEATING, JR., Cincinnati attorney, and founder of the CDL, was to be presented the 1966 Daniel A. Lord Award from Loyola Academy during graduation exercises and was cited for "distinguished service toward the advancement of Catholic Secondary Education" through his work to promote publication and sale of decent literature.

The August 4, 1968, issue of the Cincinnati Enquirer contained an article captioned, "Smut Fought 13 Years", reported that CHARLES H. KEATING, JR., Cincinnati attorney and founder of CDL, has, for the past 13 years, endeavored to "Rid America of hard core professional pornography". CDL was reported as having 300 chapters throughout the country.

"But so far decency's won - lost record is dismal. CDL lost 23 or 26 cases in the U. S. Supreme Court in the last year".

"And if Associate Justice Abe Fortas is approved as the Court's new Chief Justice, 'then the ballgame is over for decency' KEATING said."

"On the other hand, if Fortas' nomination is rejected, 'it will be because of our efforts'..."

"Keating insists that CDL aims not to censor communications or to burn books but to 'enforce laws already existing against the guys who put hard core pornography in the corner cigar store stand.' He estimates that 75 to 100 publishers are doing a \$2 billion smut business."

The March 20, 1969, issue of the Cincinnati Enquirer contained an article captioned, "St. X to open pool in fall" which reported that St. Xavier High School, Cincinnati, Ohio, will open a \$500,000 natatorium next fall through the generosity of CHARLES H. KEATING, JR. and WILLIAM J. KEATING to be built in memory of their father, CHARLES H. KEATING, SR. The pool will be an eight lane, 50 meter olympic indoor pool and will be finished by June, 1970.

Librarian, Cincinnati Post-Times Star, 800 Broadway, made available files on appointee and CDL which contained no additional information.

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MAGAZINE ARTICLES

Personal Secretary to  
CHARLES H. KEATING, JR., Keating, Muething and Klekamp,  
18th floor, Provident Tower, Fourth and Vine Streets,  
furnished six reprints concerning obscenity and  
pornography which appeared in the Reader's Digest  
published at Plainville, New York, beginning in May,  
1964, and ending December, 1968, which contained the  
following pertinent information concerning KEATING:

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An article captioned, "Poison In Print - And How To Get Rid of It" by CLARENCE W. HALL, which appeared in the 1964 issue of Reader's Digest, which reported that CHARLES H. KEATING, JR. of Cincinnati, Ohio, founder of a fast growing organization called Citizens for Decent Literature (CDL), said: 'Fearing a phony cry of censor, we have been jeered into a national sheepishness about taking action against this evil. Lick that timidity and you've gone a long way to lick the problem.' Keating should know. A former all American swimming champion and U. S. Navy fighter pilot, '6'4" young lawyer and his CDL have effectively proved that the tide can be swept back by concerted community action. The two instruments of his attack are (1) An aroused citizenry; (2) Enforcement of existing laws that make the distribution and sale of obscenity a crime...

"...Keating's concern over the flood of printed poison was galvanized one day in 1956 when he noticed youngsters at a newsstand snickering over a display set apart from the rest of the magazines and paperbacks. Moving over for a look Keating was shocked. Besides "girlie" magazines featuring nudes in suggestive poses, dozens of publications depicted not only raw sex but stories of abnormal sex behavior. By any decent citizen's definition, this was pornography, dirt for dirt's sake...

"The first arrest in the Cincinnati drive was that of a stationery and candy store proprietor caught selling lewd publications to grade school students...

Immediately other dealers began cleaning up their stands. When they asked CDL for a list of offended magazines, Keating sent them instead, a copy of the city ordinance "We're not a censoring body", he said, 'The law is plain enough!'. During the next two years seven other dirt peddlers were brought into court, all were convicted, all but one appealed; all appeals failed... News of Cincinnati's success brought hundreds of appeals for guidance from other communities. In September, 1962, CDL went 'national' with headquarters - a clearing-house of information freely supplied to any community - in Keating's law office. CDL's biweekly publication, 'The National Decency Reporter', alerts all chapters to significant court decisions, analyzes cases where convictions have been overturned. Its counseling film, 'Perversion For Profit', is a shattering expose of the obscenity racket.

"A growing potent arm of CDL is its youth division with more than 200 chapters...

"CDL advises all chapters, adult and youth, 'Demand only that the laws against distribution and sale of obscene publications be enforced. Don't tell people what they can or cannot read. Limit yourself to calling attention to materials you believe violate community standards, and bring it to the proper authorities - preferably a jury decision - to determine whether the material is, in fact, obscene...

CDL has testimony from police chiefs, court psychotherapists, and FBI Director J. EDGAR HOOVER, establishing a direct relationship between the stimulus of obscene publications and criminal behavior, both adult and juvenile."

An article appearing in the February, 1967, issue of the Reader's Digest captioned, "A Victory over the Smut Peddler", by O. K. ARMSTRONG, which reported that "CHARLES H. KEATING, JR., Chairman of Citizens For Decent Literature, a national organization with more than 300 chapters, says 'The Supreme Court decision of

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last March 21, 1969, makes it a different ballgame...  
Any area that decides to rid itself of obscenity can  
do so by competent enforcement and vigorous prosecution.  
There is no excuse for pornographers to be in business  
after the court's decision."

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ON APRIL THIRTY, LAST, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED], POMPAO BEACH, FLA., ADVISED SA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] HE RECALLS KEATING WORKING FOR PRUDENTIAL INSURANCE COMPANY, CINCINNATI, OHIO, AS A PART TIME SALESMAN BETWEEN FORTYFIVE AND FIFTY. DESCRIBED KEATING AS AN EXCELLENT EMPLOYEE AND A LOYAL AMERICAN OF THE HIGHEST CHARACTER, REPUTATION AND ASSOCIATES, FURTHER STATING HE HAS HIGHEST REGARD FOR KEATING AND WOULD RECOMMEND WITHOUT RESERVATION FOR ANY POSITION OF TRUST.

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SERVED ON ACTIVE DUTY IN US NAVY AS OFFICER FROM FEBRUARY TWENTYONE, FORTYFIVE, TO NOVEMBER TWENTYONE, FORTYFIVE. HONORABLY RELIEVED AS ENSIGN BY REASON OF CONVENIENCE OF GOV.

SERVED IN US NAVY RESERVE, INACTIVE STATUS, FROM OCTOBER THIRTYONE, FORTYTWO TO JULY FIVE, FORTYTHREE, AND FROM NOVEMBER TWENTYTWO, FORTYFIVE TO JUNE SEVENTEEN, FIFTYNINE, AT WHICH TIME HONORABLY DISCHARGED AS ENSIGN.

NO UNFAVORABLY INFORMATION NOTED IN MILITARY RECORDS.

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Title:

CHARLES HUMPHREY KEATING, JR.

Character:

SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:

Records South-Central Office, Prudential Insurance Company, Jacksonville, Florida, reflect appointee employed Cincinnati, Ohio, 8/12/46 to 7/7/48 and contain no detrimental information.

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## DETAILS:

AT JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA

On April 30, 1969, [REDACTED] Assistant Personnel Director, South-Central Office, Prudential Insurance Company, Prudential Building, advised the company records reflect the appointee was employed as a Special Agent (Sales Representative) in the Cincinnati, Ohio, office from August 12, 1946, to July 7, 1948, when he resigned for "other work," nature not given. [REDACTED] informed the records contain nothing of a detrimental nature and that anything which would have reflected against his consideration for re-employment would be noted on the record.

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Re Cincinnati teletype to Bureau dated 4/29/69.

Enclosed herewith to the Bureau is one copy each of two newspaper articles pertinent to the appointee, which were obtained from the "Los Angeles Times," Los Angeles, 4/30/69, dated and captioned as follows:

"Anti-Smut Leader Takes Campaign to Congress" dated 5/28/60 (Exhibit A)

"Blue Pencil Brigade Blunting Effectiveness in California Campaign" dated 11/22/64 (Exhibit B)

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# Anti-Smut Leader Takes Campaign to Congress

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WASHINGTON, May 27 (UPI)—The leader of a nation-wide anti-smut movement piled hundreds of magazines before a House subcommittee today and claimed the publications "caused" a spirit of wantonness.

Charles H. Keating Jr. of Cincinnati told the Post Office subcommittee he got the magazines from citizens who bought them at newsstands and sent them to his Citizens for Decent Literature organization.

Keating conceded that he solicited the magazines in letters sent "to all communities and citizens interested in decency."

## Against Censorship

Keating said his organization was against "state censorship" but he advocated creation of state legislative bodies with subpoena powers to investigate the problem of pornography.

Keating, a former Navy fighter pilot, said his organization had two purposes: to educate the public about pornography and to force enforcement of valid sta-

tutes making obscenity crime."

He claimed many prosecutors and police officials were not attempting to press their cases because they were "brainwashed by the mass media."

He said 500 communities were definitely interested in forming citizens anti-smut groups and another 300 communities had expressed mild interest.

Keating said opponents of citizens groups "will yell censorship, art, borderline and other undefined words and phrases to disguise the rot they peddle."

Subcommittee Chairman Kathryn E. Granahan (D-Pa.) said she had only five letters opposed to Keating's viewpoints, one signed by a writer from Holy City, Cal.

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# Blue Pencil Brigade Blunting Effectiveness

## in California Campaign

BY ROBERT R. KIRSCH

SUN NOV 22 1964

*decent*, adj. (F. or L. *DECENT*, fr. L. *DECENS*, *DECENTIS*, pres. part. of *DECERE*, to be fitting or becoming; akin to L. *DECUS* glory, honor, ornament, Gr. *DOKEIN* to seem good...)

—Webster's New International Dictionary, Second Edition.

I may be old-fashioned and utterly out of tune with the age but I was trained to give the benefit of the doubt to all people. My grandmother, God rest her soul, told me: "You must believe a man's words, until his actions tell you the truth." My grandfather was more skeptical. He said, "Watch out for the man who announces his own goodness; he is trying to drown out something else."

Homilies aside, I have had some shocking disappointments lately. The latest case in point took place in Visalia, the county seat of Tulare, close to Merced, the town in which I spent some of my most formative years. There, last month, an important book trial took place. It was the result of a civil suit for declaratory relief brought by Tulare Dist. Atty. Jay R. Ballantyne against two book-

dealers, Gordon S. Hogue and Clarence Weinberg, involving three paperback books and an illustrated magazine. The suit was tried before Superior Judge Meredith Wingrove, a visiting jurist from Kings County.

Before I go into the trial itself, let me hasten to say that we, in Los Angeles County, who pride ourselves on our enlightenment, could take a few lessons from Tulare. Down here we do not content ourselves with going after books or paintings. We go after writers, painters, publishers and seek to jail them as well as to suppress the works of their pens. While I am at it, the coverage of the Visalia trial by the Visalia Times-Delta is a model of objective journalism. Both sides were covered, accurately and right down the middle.

The Visalia trial was notable for another fact. It was the first time that Charles H. Keating Jr., national co-chairman of Citizens for Decent Literature, appeared as an expert witness for the prosecution (indeed, the only expert witness for the prosecution) and thereby hangs another

tale. The Citizens for Decent Literature has been an active organization in trying to cleanse (by their standards) the newsstands and bookstores of America, one of a group of vigilante organizations concerned about the moral health of the nation. Naively, I understood the CDL to be an educational and propaganda organization, trying to elevate the taste of the readers of this country. Obviously, they are not limited to this role. In fact, we in Los Angeles County, possibly uniquely in the country, have a CDL attorney, James J. Clancy, who is also a deputy district attorney, heading a drive on "pornography" here which curiously coincided with Chief Deputy Dist. Atty. Manley Bowler's recent and unsuccessful campaign to be elected to the office of District Attorney.

One of the targets of Mr. Clancy's detergent and deterrent efforts, both as a CDL attorney and a deputy district attorney, is the artist Connor Everts, against whose series of drawings, "Studies in Desperation," Mr.

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Clancy is attempting to protect the community. Less dedicated folk might think, as I do, that what Los Angeles needs is more Connor Everts. Particularly, since Mr. Everts' work has been compared to Goya's "Horrors of War" by local critics, and his paintings and drawing have appeared in the Gallery of Modern Art in Washington, D.C., the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, the Museum of Modern Art in New York, the Pasadena Art Museum, without offending the sensibilities of viewers every bit as concerned with art as Mr. Clancy, that protector of the public morals, who told the owner of the gallery displaying Mr. Everts' work: "My mind is set like concrete against modern art."

But let us give the benefit of the doubt to Mr. Clancy and to Mr. Bowler, who appointed him, and to the County Board of Supervisors, who approved this special appointment. Let us not be too quick to raise questions. Mr. Clancy is sworn to uphold the law, to protect us against possible contagion. Let us examine the performance of his CDL colleague in Visalia, the eminent Mr. Keating: And then let us

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on to other activities of the CDL. Assistant Dist. Atty. Robert G. Bereman, who prosecuted the case for Dist. Atty. Ballantyne in Visalia, called Mr. Keating to the stand as an expert witness. Mr. Keating is a Cincinnati attorney who specializes in tax and business law and whose CDL post is an unpaid one. Mr. Keating testified that the books, in his opinion, were obscene under the law. Like all expert witnesses, Mr. Keating was subject to cross-examination by defense attorney Stanley Fleishman, a specialist in these cases and a long-time adversary of Keating and the CDL point of view. There was no love lost between them. *Cal 10*

Mr. Keating began his testimony on Tuesday, Oct. 20. His cross-examination was not completed by the close of court that day. He told Judge Wingrove that he had a speaking engagement in Salt Lake City the next day. Both sides stipulated that Mr. Keating would be allowed to fill his speaking engagement and return to complete the cross-examination. The defense put on its experts, Henry Madden, Fresno State College librarian, Dr. Jay Ziskin, psychologist and counselor at California State College at Los Angeles, both of whom testified that in their opinion the material was not obscene. They were cross-examined. It was time for Mr. Keating to return for his cross-examination. Mr. Keating did not appear. There was a report that Mr. Keating's plane was misdirected. The trial went on.

The following day, Dr. Roger Chittick, associate professor of English at Fresno State College, testified that in his opinion the books were not obscene. He was cross-examined. Mr. Keating did not appear. The judge instructed the assistant district attorney to produce Mr. Keating for cross-examination by Tuesday, Oct. 27. Mr. Keating did not appear. Instead, he sent a telegram

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to Judge Wingrove, stating that the press of business kept him from returning to Visalia.

Judge Wingrove, who takes the law seriously, called Keating's action arrogant, said that Keating, as an attorney, should know that he is violating his oath as an attorney by not returning to Visalia to complete his testimony. "As far as this court is concerned, he is in contempt of court." He called Keating a "discredit to the bar." Later, he said, "... had he been in California, it wouldn't take me 15 seconds to get a bench warrant out for him."

The books and the magazine were held not obscene. He said: "I can't say it's utterly without social importance ... I wouldn't recommend this type of literature ... but it's not forced on people. I don't think it's likely to demoralize society in the United States."

As for Keating, the judge said: "He's out for this group (CDL). He wants to remove everything that doesn't meet his particular approval. He's a crusader along this particular line."

For those of us who have testified as expert witnesses in obscenity trials, Mr. Keating's position may be understandable if not justifiable. It is not pleasant to have to undergo cross-examination. But that is part of the law. It is easy to dish it out, the question is whether you can take it. Mr. Keating disappointed me.

Is there a lesson in all of this for the average citizen? I think there is an important one. It is not simply Visalia or Los Angeles, this case or that case. It is the old issue of the means and the end. Does any means justify the

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end? In a free society, in a society which wishes to guarantee the free flow of ideas and information, the means are most important. For we corrupt the spirit of the law, when we bend it, or circumvent it, or abuse it. Those who preach the need for a moral resurgence, for a restoration of decency, should by their acts defend the law, respect the law. And if they disagree with the law, they should work to change the law.

To the extent that the Citizens for Decent Literature and other groups work in these areas of education, they should have the respect of the community and even of those who disagree completely with them. Unfortunately, there are disquieting signs that this is not always the case. Just a few weeks ago, members of the California Library Assn. met here and compared notes on the methods of harassment, threat and intimidation used by certain groups to "cleanse" library shelves of books they do not like or approve. Booksellers and news dealers have been the subject of pressures uncomfortably like those in authoritarian lands. The National Decency Reporter, organ of the CDL, has published an article by Keating urging prosecutions of local "obscenity peddlers" regardless of the possibility of being overruled by higher courts.

I am certain that the intentions of the great majority of those people concerned about the mass of lurid and tawdry literature are honest and sincere. But, in tampering with free expression, they must be even more careful and decent (i.e., fitting, decorous, honorable, respectful of the law) to be above suspicion of contempt for the laws which guarantee that freedom. Victory in that "dim and uncertain area," as one Supreme Court justice called it, which "often separates obscenity from constitutionally protected expression," may be purchased at too great a price.

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CHARLES HUMPHREY KEATING, JR.<sup>4</sup>

Character:

SPECIAL INQUIRY

## Synopsis:

Current membership of appointee in Kentucky State Bar Association verified at Frankfort, Ky. Records of U.S. District Court, EDKY, shows appointee sworn in as practicing attorney 10-21-68. Credit and criminal checks re appointee negative at Lexington, Ky.

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DETAILS:

AT FRANKFORT, KENTUCKY

On April 28, 1969 [ ] Director, Kentucky State Bar Association, State Capitol, Frankfort, Kentucky, advised SA [ ] their records show that CHARLES H. KEATING, JR., 1811 Provident Tower, Cincinnati, Ohio is now a member in good standing. Mr. KEATING's membership is renewable on September 1, 1969.

*Dismissed June 20, 1958*  
[ ] noted that Mr. KEATING is personally unknown to him, but there have never been any grievances or complaints filed with the Association in connection with the professional ethics of this attorney.

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AT LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY

On April 30, 1969, [ ] Chief Clerk, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky, advised SA [ ] that the Index Roll of Attorneys for the U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Kentucky, shows that CHARLES H. KEATING, JR. of Cincinnati, Ohio was sworn in as a practicing attorney for the U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Kentucky on October 21, 1948. District

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[ ] stated he was not personally acquainted with Mr. KEATING, and he felt there was no one now employed in any capacity of the U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Kentucky, who could comment about him.

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On April 30, 1969, [ ] Lexington, Kentucky Credit Bureau, advised SA [ ] there were no records on file identifiable with the appointee.

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CRIMINAL

On April 30, 1969 [ ] Records Clerk, Lexington Police Department, and [ ] Records Section, Fayette County Police Department, both advised SA [ ] that there were no records in their respective files identifiable with CHARLES HUMPHREY KEATING, JR.

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Synopsis: Associates recommend.

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## DETAILS:

Investigation at South Bend, Indiana by Special Agent [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] at Fort Wayne, Indiana by Special Agent [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] and at Indianapolis, Indiana by Special Agent [REDACTED]

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On April 30, 1969, [REDACTED]  
Indianapolis, Indiana, advised that he is familiar with the applicant  
and has been so familiar since August, 1957, when he met him at a  
meeting held by an organization advocating the control of obscene  
literature. He stated he has maintained close contact with applicant  
through a mutual association with the Citizens for Decent Literature,  
being a member of the Executive Committee of said organization.  
He further advised that he is in touch with applicant frequently  
having last seen him in March of this year at St. Louis, Missouri.

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He stated that he has observed applicant at meetings and  
panel discussions concerning obscene literature and knows him to  
have an excellent knowledge, respect and ability to use the laws  
concerning obscene literature. He stated applicant is an excellent  
speaker and has the ability to convince people along his lines of  
thinking. He stated at no time has he heard or seen anything which  
would reflect adversely on applicant's morals, character or  
reputation, and considers him to be a loyal American. [REDACTED]  
advised that he would recommend applicant highly for any position  
of trust with the United States Government.

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On April 29, 1969, [redacted] Fort Wayne, Indiana, advised that he has known CHARLES HUMPHREY KEATING, Jr. for about eleven years. [redacted] is a national officer of the Citizens for Decent Literature, and he has made several speaking tours with KEATING and said he is the finest man he has ever met. KEATING is very dedicated to the cause of Citizens for Decent Literature, and has accomplished more than anyone else in an effort to get pornographic literature off the news stands. KEATING is extremely dedicated in trying to help the youth of this country.

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[redacted] advised that KEATING is an outstanding American of unquestionable moral character and associates with the finest people. [redacted] would not hesitate to recommend KEATING for a position of trust and loyalty and could not suggest anyone better for such a position. KEATING is well respected and enjoys an excellent reputation among many of the influential people in the country.

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On April 30, 1969, [redacted] Street, South Bend, Indiana, Dean Emeritus, Notre Dame Law School, advised that he recalls applicant vaguely. He stated that while a law partner at Merland, O'Meara, Santen and Willging, First National Bank Building, Cincinnati, Ohio, CHARLES H. KEATING was given space in above law offices in return for certain services that were legal in nature. He stated that he could not recall the exact dates of this arrangement, but that it was sometime before 1952, as that was the year that he [redacted] relocated to Notre Dame University. [redacted] advised that his duties at Cincinnati were limited, and that he was in Columbus, Ohio, for the majority of time. Since his association was very vague, he stated that he could not realistically give an evaluation or recommendation on applicant. He did advise though, that at no time was knowledge of a derogatory nature brought to his attention regarding applicant.

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CHARLES H. KEATING, JR.

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SPECIAL INQUIRY

## Synopsis:

KEATING served in U.S. Navy as enlisted man and as officer and in USNR. Received honorable discharge and release from active duty, and honorable discharge from Reserve. Former employment and relatives set forth.

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DETAILS: AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

On April 30, 1969, a review of the military service records on file at the Military Personnel Records Center, 9700 Page Boulevard, disclosed that CHARLES HUMPHREY KEATING, JR., Serial Number 703 20 33, enlisted in the U. S. Navy Reserve on October 31, 1942, and he reported for active duty in the U. S. Navy on July 6, 1943, at Wooster, Ohio. His enlistment was terminated on February 20, 1945, as an Aviation Cadet at Corpus Christi, Texas, to accept a commission.

He was appointed an Ensign, Serial Number 438 150, in the U. S. Navy Reserve on February 21, 1945, and he entered on active duty on the same date at Corpus Christi, Texas. He was honorably relieved from active duty on November 21, 1945, as an Ensign at Great Lakes, Illinois, by reason of convenience of the Government (Points System), and he reverted to inactive status in the Reserve.

He served in the U. S. Navy Reserve, inactive status, from October 31, 1942 to July 5, 1943, and from November 22, 1945 to June 17, 1959, at which time he was honorably discharged as an Ensign, by reason of inactivity in the reserve program.

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His military occupation was shown as Naval Aviator. He had no foreign service, and he was awarded the American Theater Medal and the World War Two Victory Medal.

His character and efficiency ratings ranged from satisfactory to excellent, and there was no record of courts-martial or absence without official leave.

The following former employment was indicated by records: 1948 to 1950, Merland, O'Meara, Santen and Willging, Cincinnati, Ohio.

The following relatives were listed: CHARLES H. KEATING, father, 795 Ludlow Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio (1945); ADELE KIPP KEATING, mother, 547 Evanswood Place, Cincinnati, Ohio (1943); WILLIAM KIPP KEATING, brother, same address.

The date and place of birth were shown as December 4, 1923, at Cincinnati, Ohio.

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CHARLES H. KEATING, JR.

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SPECIAL INQUIRY

## Synopsis:

No record WHO re appointee. Ohio senators and Congressmen TAFT and CLANCY recommended. No record Credit Bureau, MPD, or Park Police. No additional pertinent information CSC. No record HCIS. [REDACTED] No record United States Department of State Passport Office. No record of appointee Federal Bar Association. Appointee admitted to United States Supreme Court, 1/30/58.

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DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

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The White House Office

SA GEORGE E. SAUNDERS caused a check to be made of the records of captioned office on April 29, 1969, [redacted] Personnel Officer, advised that the files of that office contained no record for the appointee, CHARLES H. KEATING, JR.

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On April 29, 1969, [redacted] Chief of Records, captioned office, advised SA GEORGE E. SAUNDERS the files of the office contained no record for the appointee.

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On April 30, 1969, Representative ROBERT TAFT, JR., (Ohio), advised SA [redacted] he has known the appointee for more than fifteen years as a close personal friend, political associate, and fellow member of the Cincinnati bar. He has been in the company of the appointee and his wife, [redacted] and their children on numerous occasions. He described their home life as exemplary.

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Representative TAFT holds the appointee in the highest personal esteem describing him as being prominent in numerous charitable, civic endeavors. He recently furnished recommendations in the appointee's behalf in connection with his nomination to a Presidential Commission. He knows nothing unfavorable concerning his character, associates, reputation, or loyalty. He recommends him to a position of trust and confidence in the United States Government.

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Representative DONALD D. CLANCY (Ohio), furnished the following information to SA [redacted] on May 1, 1969:

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He has known the appointee as a close personal friend, neighbor, and political associate for a number of years. He considers him to be among his closest personal friends. He describes him as a "self-made man" and as a successful attorney who unstintingly gives of his time to numerous charitable and social endeavors. He described the appointee and his wife, MARY KEATING and their six children as outstanding citizens and contributors to civic activities.

Representative CLANCY knows of no unfavorable information concerning the appointee's character, associates, reputation and loyalty. He recommends him without hesitation or qualification to a position of trust and responsibility in the United States Government.

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Ohio Senators

The following investigation was conducted by SA  
[redacted] on April 30, 1969:

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Senator WILLIAM B. SAXBE advised he has known the appointee for more than ten years primarily as a result of his excellent reputation among the Bar of the city of Cincinnati, Ohio. He could not recall having observed him in a court of law nor in an adversary type proceeding. His association with him has also included participation with him and others in various professional and political associations. He knows of no unfavorable information concerning his personal or professional ethics. He considers him to be a loyal American of good character, reputation and associates. He recommends him to a position of trust and responsibility in the United States Government.

Senator STEPHEN M. YOUNG advised he has no personal knowledge of the appointee. He said, however, he will interpose no objection to the appointee's nomination to a high federal post.

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CREDIT AND POLICE AGENCIES

SE [ ] caused a search to be made of the files of The Credit Bureau, Incorporated, Washington, D. C., and was advised on April 29, 1969, that the files contained no record for the appointee.

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On April 29, 1969, IC [ ] determined that no record was contained in the Metropolitan Police Department files concerning the appointee.

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It is to be noted that at all times an indefinite number of unidentified records are out of file and not available for review.

On April 29, 1969, IC [ ] searched the files of the United States Park Police and no identifiable record could be found concerning the appointee.

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The files of the House Committee on Internal Security were reviewed on April 29, 1969, by SE [ ] and no identifiable record was found for the appointee.

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SA PAUL F. DOUGHERTY caused a search to be made of the files of the Central Intelligence Agency and was advised on May 1, 1969, that the files contain no pertinent identifiable information concerning the appointee.

SE [ ] caused a search to be made of the current and retired files of the Passport Office, Department of State and was advised on April 30, 1969, that no identifiable record could be located concerning the appointee.

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SE [ ] caused a search to be made of the files of the Bureau of Personnel Investigations, Civil Service Commission and was advised on April 30, 1969, that the files contained no additional pertinent information regarding the appointee.

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On April 30, 1969, SE [ ] caused a search to be made of the files of the Federal Bar Association concerning bar membership and no record was found for the appointee.

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On April 30, 1969, SE [ ] was informed that the records of the Supreme Court of the United States disclosed the appointee was admitted to practice before that court on January 30, 1958.

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IC [ ] caused search  
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& was advised no record re  
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Gale

DATE: 5/7/69

FROM : W. V. Cleveland

SUBJECT: CHARLES HUMPHREY KEATING, JR.  
SPECIAL INQUIRY - WHITE HOUSE

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Request received 4/25/69, for investigation of Keating who is being considered for Presidential appointment, position not stated. Keating, aged 45, is attorney with offices in Cincinnati, Ohio. He founded Citizens for Decent Literature, Incorporated, in 1956 and since then has become nationally known as an expert regarding obscene and pornographic literature. Persons interviewed commented favorably regarding his character, associates, loyalty, and reputation. Investigation complete.

Bureau files reveal FBI investigated Keating in 1956 and 1957 for possible violation of Atomic Energy Act and for fraud against the Government. In that regard it was alleged in June, 1956, while representing Research Laboratories of Colorado, Incorporated, Keating submitted application to Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) requesting "Q" clearances for officers of this company. Based on information in this application, including statement that [redacted] was elected President of this corporation, AEC granted the requested clearances. In August, 1956, [redacted] advised AEC his designation as President was possibly illegal and also he alleged Keating furnished classified AEC information to unauthorized persons. Results of that investigation were furnished to Department of Justice and by letter dated 2/15/57, Department said there was insufficient evidence to establish violation of Atomic Energy Act or espionage statutes. Also, by letter dated 5/9/57, Department stated facts failed to constitute suitable basis for prosecution under fraud against the Government statutes. A summary of foregoing information was included in enclosed summary memorandum.

## ACTION:

Attached for approval is a letter to the Honorable John D. Ehrlichman transmitting a summary memorandum containing the results of investigation concerning Mr. Keating.

Enclosure 5-8-69

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1 - Mr. DeLoach

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CHARLES HUMPHREY KEATING, JR. SUMMARY

I. BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

Birth

Mr. Keating was born on December 4, 1923, in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Education 7676 GREEN FARMS DRIVE, CINCINNATI, Ohio

He attended the University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, Ohio, from September, 1941, to May, 1943, and from January, 1946, to June, 1948, receiving an LL.B. degree.

Employment

Mr. Keating was employed on a part-time basis as a sales representative by the Prudential Insurance Company of America, Cincinnati, Ohio, from August, 1946, to July, 1948.

From 1947 to 1955 he was employed by the law firm of Merland, O'Meara, Santen, and Willging, Cincinnati, Ohio, first as a part-time law clerk and then as an attorney.

Since January, 1955, Mr. Keating has continued to be engaged in the practice of law in Cincinnati, Ohio. He is presently a partner in the law firm of Keating, Muething, and Klekamp.

Mr. Keating is presently serving as a member of the Board of Directors of Provident Bank, United Liberty Life Insurance Company, and the American Financial Corporation, all located in Cincinnati, Ohio. Also, he is a member of the Board of Directors of the Security Bank, Athens, Ohio, and the New Richmond National Bank in New Richmond, Ohio.

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In 1956 Mr. Keating founded the organization known as Citizens for Decent Literature, Incorporated, a nonprofit organization formed for and dedicated to the cause of good, decent, and wholesome literature with a view to opposing and eliminating obscene literature by cooperating with law enforcement agencies. He is presently serving as Legal Counsel of this corporation.

#### Marital Status

Mr. Keating, his wife, the former [redacted] and their six minor children reside at 7676 Green Farms Drive, Cincinnati, Ohio.

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#### Military Service

Mr. Keating served in the United States Naval Reserve as an enlisted man from October 31, 1942, to July 6, 1943, when he entered on active duty. On February 21, 1945, he was appointed an ensign and on November 22, 1945, he was honorably released from active duty by reason of convenience of the Government. Thereafter, he served in the United States Naval Reserve until June 17, 1959, when he was honorably discharged as an ensign. His service record is clear.

## II. RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION

### Interviews

[redacted] a member of the law firm of Merland, O'Meara, Niehaus, Monahan, and Rusche, Cincinnati, Ohio, advised he has known Mr. Keating for approximately 20 years, adding Mr. Keating was with this law firm for approximately nine years when it was known as Merland, O'Meara, Santen, and Willging. He described Mr. Keating as a great crusader for worthwhile causes, an extrovert, and an "eager beaver" who has no fear of "walking where angels fear to tread." [redacted] pointed out that Mr. Keating's father was an invalid for many years and consequently Mr. Keating had to provide for himself most of the time. He indicated Mr. Keating has a tremendous amount of drive and to the best of his knowledge enjoys an excellent professional reputation. [redacted] related he possesses no unfavorable information concerning Mr. Keating's character, associates, or loyalty and he recommended him for a position of trust and confidence.

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[redacted] a member of the law firm of Keating, Muething, and Klekamp, Cincinnati, Ohio, advised he first met Mr. Keating in 1946 when they were both attending the University of Cincinnati. He said he and Mr. Keating formed a law partnership in February, 1955, adding they have been business associates since that time. According to [redacted] he and Mr. Keating have enjoyed an extremely fine business relationship over the years. He said he has complete confidence in Mr. Keating, pointing out he is a person of untiring energy who has excelled in all his undertakings. [redacted] advised that for many years Mr. Keating has devoted much of his time to the control of obscene literature through existing laws or through the enactment of new ones. He indicated Mr. Keating is considered an expert in these matters and travels extensively to promote interest in legally curbing the distribution of such material. [redacted] concluded by stating he can only speak in the highest terms concerning Mr. Keating and his family members. He recommended Mr. Keating for a position of trust and confidence with the Government.

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[redacted] Director of Security, Kroger Company, Cincinnati, Ohio, advised he formerly served as Chief of Police in Cincinnati, Ohio, for many years. He said for approximately 12 years he worked closely with Mr. Keating because of Mr. Keating's tremendous knowledge relating to obscene and pornographic material. He stated Mr. Keating and his brother, William, who is a Cincinnati Councilman, are successful businessmen and civic leaders, adding their success has resulted from hard work and perseverance on their part. [redacted] indicated Mr. Keating enjoys an excellent professional reputation. He said he is widely known because of his personal campaign to improve the moral fiber of this country by establishing a higher degree of law enforcement and better statutes to control the distribution of obscene literature. According to [redacted] Mr. Keating has submitted several amicus curiae briefs in support of the prosecution in connection with important obscenity cases on all court levels, including the United States Supreme Court. [redacted] pointed out he does not believe Mr. Keating is unreasonable in his opposition to obscenity in literature, adding on several occasions he observed Mr. Keating defending the distribution of certain material in borderline cases. [redacted]

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described Mr. Keating as a man of outstanding character whose associates, habits, and loyalty are unquestionable. He recommended him without reservation for a responsible position, adding he feels the Government will be indeed fortunate to secure his services.

Raymond E. Shannon, Judge, Ohio Court of Appeals, Cincinnati, Ohio, advised he has had extensive contact with members of the Keating family for over 20 years, adding Mr. Keating's father, who is deceased, was in the dairy business and enjoyed an excellent reputation. Judge Shannon said that several years ago he, Judge Shannon, was a member of the Hamilton County Prosecutor's Office, Cincinnati, Ohio, and during that period Mr. Keating caused some problems for that office because of his ability to generate the populace to become agitated against anyone arrested in connection with the distribution of pornographic material. According to Judge Shannon, the trouble arose when the aroused populace expected more in the way of official action in these cases than could be taken because of the existing laws.

Judge Shannon continued by advising he considers Mr. Keating to be a very reputable and honest man who is regarded as an expert in the field of obscene literature. He related that Mr. Keating has testified in many courts throughout the United States in connection with cases pertaining to the distribution of pornographic material, adding he has gained national recognition for his stand against material of this type. He described Mr. Keating as a very aggressive, intelligent, and conscientious man whose loyalty is above reproach. He recommended Mr. Keating for a responsible position with the Government.

[redacted] President and General Manager, Ackerman Chacco and Company, Incorporated, Cincinnati, Ohio, advised he has been acquainted with Mr. Keating since the late 1930's. He said he holds Mr. Keating in the highest respect and considers him to be one of the outstanding men with whom he has been associated. [redacted] described Mr. Keating as an extremely aggressive, trustworthy, honest, and dedicated individual who approaches every undertaking with a great deal of enthusiasm and competitive spirit. He indicated Mr. Keating enjoys an excellent professional reputation and stated there is no reason to question his character, associates, or loyalty. He recommended him for a position of trust with the Government.

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Donald D. Clancy, United States Representative from Ohio, was interviewed in Washington, D. C., and stated he has known Mr. Keating as a close personal friend, neighbor, and political associate for several years. He described Mr. Keating as a "self-made man," a successful attorney, and one who gives much of his time to charitable and civic endeavors. Representative Clancy commented favorably concerning Mr. Keating and members of his family, stating he has no reason to question their character, associates, loyalty, or reputation. He recommended Mr. Keating without hesitation or qualification for a position of responsibility with the Government.

Robert Taft, Jr., United States Representative from Ohio, when interviewed in Washington, D. C., advised he has known Mr. Keating for more than 15 years as a close personal friend, political associate, and fellow member of the bar of Cincinnati, Ohio. He said he has been in the company of Mr. Keating, his wife, Mary Keating, and their children on numerous occasions, adding the home life of the Keating family is exemplary. Representative Taft continued by stating he holds Mr. Keating in the highest personal esteem and pointed out that Mr. Keating has been very prominent in charitable and civic endeavors in the Cincinnati area. Representative Taft related he possesses no adverse information concerning Mr. Keating's character, associates, or loyalty and he recommended him for a position of trust and confidence with the Government.

William B. Saxbe, United States Senator from Ohio, was interviewed in Washington, D. C., and stated he has known Mr. Keating for more than ten years primarily by reputation; however, he pointed out he has attended some of the professional and political meetings at which Mr. Keating was also present. Senator Saxbe said Mr. Keating is highly regarded by his associates, adding he possesses no unfavorable information concerning Mr. Keating's personal reputation or his professional ethics. According to Senator Saxbe, he considers Mr. Keating to be a loyal American of good character and he recommended him for a position of trust and confidence.

Stephen M. Young, United States Senator from Ohio, when interviewed in Washington, D. C., stated he has no personal knowledge of Mr. Keating, but he said he interposes no objection to his nomination to a high Federal post.

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Thirty-three additional individuals, consisting of professional associates, social acquaintances, and neighbors, were interviewed and they commented favorably regarding Mr. Keating's character, associates, loyalty, and reputation. Mr. Keating was described as an honest, dynamic, intelligent, personable, industrious, and capable individual who exercises good judgment. It was stated he is an expert on matters relating to the legal ramifications of obscenity and in connection with his activities in this regard he has received national publicity and recognition. Mr. Keating was highly recommended for a position of trust and confidence with the Government. Persons acquainted with his close relatives stated they are reputable individuals whose loyalty to the United States is above reproach.

#### Close Relatives

In addition to his wife and children, mentioned previously, Mr. Keating has the following close relatives:

Father	Charles H. Keating, Sr. deceased
Mother	Adele K. Keating Cincinnati, Ohio
Brother	William K. Keating Cincinnati, Ohio

#### Credit and Arrest Checks

Information has been received from the appropriate credit reporting agencies indicating their files contain either no record or no additional pertinent information concerning Mr. Keating.

Information has been received from the appropriate law enforcement agencies indicating their files contain no record concerning Mr. Keating or his close relatives.

#### Bar Affiliations

Mr. Keating was admitted to practice law in Ohio in August, 1948, and in Kentucky in June, 1958. Additionally, he was admitted to practice law before the United States Supreme Court in January, 1958. He is a member of the Cincinnati, Ohio, Bar Association and the Kentucky State

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Bar Association and no grievances have been filed against him. The files of other appropriate bars and bar associations were reviewed and either no record or no additional pertinent information was located concerning Mr. Keating.

#### Agency Checks

Information has been received from the following governmental agencies indicating their files contain either no record or no additional pertinent information concerning Mr. Keating:

Defense Central Index of Investigations, Fort Holabird, Maryland; House Committee on Internal Security; Central Intelligence Agency; Passport Office, Department of State; Bureau of Personnel Investigations, Civil Service Commission; United States Secret Service; and the White House Office.

#### Miscellaneous

During 1956 and 1957, an investigation was conducted by the FBI concerning Mr. Keating and others inasmuch as it was alleged Mr. Keating possibly committed fraud against the Government and also had violated provisions of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 by disclosing classified Atomic Energy Commission information to unauthorized individuals.

With regard to the foregoing, in June, 1956, while representing the Research Laboratories of Colorado, Incorporated, Newtown, Ohio, Mr. Keating reportedly submitted an application to the Atomic Energy Commission in behalf of this corporation for the purpose of obtaining "Q" clearances so the officers of that firm could have access to classified data. It was alleged that in this application Mr. Keating indicated the Board of Directors of this corporation had elected [redacted] as President of this company and as a result of the information set forth in this application, the Atomic Energy Commission granted the requested clearances to the officers of Research Laboratories of Colorado, Incorporated.

In August, 1956, [redacted] advised the Atomic Energy Commission that his designation as President of Research Laboratories of Colorado, Incorporated, possibly

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was illegal inasmuch as he was not certain whether the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting which showed he was elected as President were authentic. Also, he pointed out that Mr. Keating had possibly disclosed classified Atomic Energy Commission information to unauthorized individuals.

The results of investigation in this matter were submitted to the Department of Justice. By letter dated February 15, 1957, the Department of Justice advised there was insufficient evidence to establish a violation of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 or of Federal espionage statutes in this case. By letter dated May 9, 1957, the Department of Justice additionally advised that the facts in this case did not constitute a suitable basis for prosecution of Mr. Keating under fraud against the Government statutes and it was pointed out further investigation in this matter was not warranted..

The central files of the FBI, including the files of the Identification Division, contain no additional pertinent information concerning Mr. Keating.

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## Keating—Smut Foe

This article describes a situation of such magnitude that the U. S. Commission on Obscenity and Pornography has been appointed to seek a remedy.

Named to the committee by President Nixon June 13 was Charles H. Keating Jr., 45-year-old Cincinnati attorney, founder and legal counsel to Citizens For Decent Literature. He succeeded former U. S. Sen. Kenneth P. Keating, who has been named ambassador to India. The two Keatings are not related.

The Cincinnati lawyer, a longtime advocate of an anti-obscenity campaign, and who has been active in anti-smut work for some 12 years, said upon his appointment to the U. S. commission:

"I shall serve on the commission with the objective of seeing these criminals jailed. The decent people of this country want to strike back at the filth peddlers. I propose to be an articulate, active representative for these citizens."



Charles H. Keating Jr.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

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Cincinnati, Ohio

Cincinnati Post &  
Times Star  
Cincinnati, Ohio

The Citizen Journal  
Columbus, Ohio

Columbus Dispatch  
Columbus, Ohio

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WASHINGTON--PRESIDENT NIXON TODAY APPOINTED CHARLES H. KEATING  
 JR., A CINCINNATI, LAWYER TO THE COMMISSION ON OBSCENITY AND  
 PORNOGRAPHY.

KEATING, 45, WILL SUCCEED FORMER SEN. KENNETH B. KEATING WHO HAS  
 BEEN APPOINTED AMBASSADOR TO INDIA. THE TWO KEATINGS ARE NOT  
 RELATED.

AS A MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION, KEATING WILL BE PAID \$75 A DAY  
 WHEN INVOLVED IN COMMISSION ACTIVITIES.

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September 10, 1971

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Honorable Willard E. Fraser  
Mayor  
Billings, Montana 59101

My dear Mayor:

I have received your letter of September 2nd, with enclosures, and readily understand the interest which prompted you to write. Thank you for bringing this matter to my attention; however, based on the information you have furnished, there does not appear to be any violation of Federal law coming within the investigative jurisdiction of this Bureau.

I am forwarding copies of your communication to the Assistant Postmaster General of the U. S. Postal Service and the Commissioner of the Internal Revenue Service for whatever action they deem appropriate.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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1 - Cincinnati - Enclosures (2)

NOTE: Mayor Fraser attempted to get two appointments into FBI National Academy in 1965 through Senator Mansfield. Last outgoing 3/8/66 and nothing unfavorable in our files. Charles H. Keating, Jr., Attorney, Cincinnati, Ohio, is Chairman for Citizens' for Decent Literature, Inc., who has waged fight against pornography for over ten years. Copy of correspondent's letter and Keating's letter being furnished by form referrals to above mentioned agencies.

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Office of The Mayor  
City of Billings  
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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington,  
District of Columbia

Hello:

Rackets by mail as well as by transcription - radio and television are nothing new, but it seems to me that this one is probably one that needs to be looked in to. Of course, all of us in Montana and America are against filth, and certainly garbage ought to be kept in the alley where if of right belongs, but I would suspect that this letter has fallen into the hands of a lot of decent "Little Old Ladies of both sexes" who have probably dug down into their meager bank accounts and sent checks to this man, and depleted their bank accounts of money they can not well afford to deplete - All in his "good cause" - or so they hope.

Being a Mayor who is young and suspicious, I have my doubts about the motives of one Charles H. Keating, Jr. of 1811 Provident Tower, Cincinnati, Ohio, and would suggest that he be investigated for what he is.

Please advise.

Sincerely,

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Willard E. Fraser  
Mayor

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CORRESPONDENCE

August 6, 1981

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CHARLES H. KEATING, Jr.

Captioned individual, also known as Charles Humphrey Keating, Jr., who you advise was born December, 4, 1923 in Cincinnati, Ohio, was the subject of an applicant-type investigation by the FBI in 1969. Summary memorandum and FBI letter dated 5-8-69, relating to this investigation are attached for your review.

The central files of the FBI, and the records of the Identification Division, contain no additional pertinent information concerning the captioned individual based upon background information submitted in connection with this name check request.

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NOTE: Per request of Fred F. Fielding, Counsel to the President at the White House.

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17- Mr. Moore, Attn; [redacted]

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

August 5, 1981

(Date)

TO: FBI, LIAISON *AUG 05 1981*

FROM: FRED F. FIELDING

SUBJECT: FBI Investigations

*Summary*  
Subject's Name *X* KEATING, Charles H., Jr.

Date of Birth December 4, 1923 Place of Birth Cincinnati, Ohio

Present Address 6326 North 38th St., Paradise Valley, Arizona 85253

We request: \_\_\_\_\_ Copy of Previous Report

*X* \_\_\_\_\_ Name Check

\_\_\_\_\_ Full Field Investigation NO IRS TO FBI

The person named above is being considered for:

\_\_\_\_\_ White House Staff Position

*X* \_\_\_\_\_ Presidential Appointment

Attachments:

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